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FRENCH WARSHIPS ATTACKED

20,000-Ton Italian Liner Torpedoed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué states that the British fleet and air arm, operating off the coast of Syria, shelled and torpedoed at least three Vichy destroyers yesterday morning.

Italian Liner Sunk

The Admiralty claimed that submarines, operating in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, torpedoed a 20,000-ton Italian liner and sunk an enemy supply ship.

The communiqué added "naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli, as well as ships and shipping in those ports."

R. N. Activity

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué states, "Units TURN to Back Page, Column 4

BRITAIN'S WAR BILL

£10,250,000 Per Day

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lease and Lend agreement, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.

The House of Commons to-day, without division, voted £1,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.

Investors' Contributions

Britain's foreign expenditure has naturally fallen but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week. A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

Sea Battle Off South Sweden Reported

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—Vigorous detonations which are believed to be the result of gunfire and aerial bombardments were heard last night and this morning off the Swedish south coast, particularly the Island of Gotland, and as far as heard of Stockholm and the Swedish Island of Gotland.

It is believed a naval battle is in progress.

South of Helsinki

NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—A sea battle south of Helsinki is reported in the Swedish newspaper "Aftonbladet." According to a Stockholm despatch, gunfire has been

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Big Air Battle And Sea Fight Reported

ANKARA, JUNE 24 (REUTER).—A SEA FIGHT IS REPORTED TO BE GOING ON OFF THE BULGARIAN COAST (BLACK SEA). ACCORDING TO RUMOURS FROM VARNA. SOVIET CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES ARE SAID TO BE FIGHTING GERMAN AIRCRAFT, BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION. THE GERMANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE MINED THE BULGARIAN AND RUMANIAN COAST, BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT A NARROW CHANNEL AT THE MOUTH OF THE BOSPHORUS UNMINED.

Axis sources here admit that the Germans are meeting very strong opposition in Bukovina and state that the Russians are not fighting a defensive battle but are attacking.

Russian sources tell of a huge air battle all along the front with the Soviets holding their own.

Reports from Bucharest state that a Rumanian column from Galatz advanced eight kilometres towards Tarutin, due south of Kishinev.

SOVIETS 400-MILE AIR RAID

Selected Targets Attacked

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, June 24 (UP).—The Moscow press to-night gave but brief accounts of the activities of the Red army. However one report stated that Red troops "somewhere in a western military district" had repulsed a German attack.

Dispatches also stated that a squadron of the Soviet air fleet had raided German territory about 400 miles from their base. Bombers and fighters had attacked selected targets and had also shot down German intercepting planes.

These brief accounts are the only reports of actual fighting published in addition to the High Command communiqué.

German Report

BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency, quoting informed German military sources, to-day states that according to all available reports it is obvious that the great offensive movement by Germany has not yet been halted by the Soviet troops.

Quoting competent quarters, the official news agency asserted that German units yesterday, after breaking through the Soviet frontier positions, met a Soviet division which was wiped out, adding, "it collapsed under German fire before it could place itself properly for battle with the German troops."

One German storm detachment in an unspecified sector of the German-Soviet front, during a comparatively brief hand to hand encounter, killed several hundred and captured several thousand Soviet soldiers.

German army units penetrated deeply into a Soviet position and TURN to Back Page, Column 4

First Air Alert

MOSCOW, June 24 (Reuter).—The city's first air raid alert lasted from 3 a.m. to 4.25 a.m.

but it was later officially an-

nounced that in spite of heavy

and light anti-aircraft barrage

and the sound of shell, bursts,

this was just "realism" and that

the whole affair was a test of

A.R.P. precautions.

The population went quickly to the shelter while wardens and other

defence personnel went to their

stations and posts, and lorries dis-

tributed fire-fighting material.

At this period of the year, the

Moscow sky is dark for only a very

short time and the sky was already

clear when "riders" flew over and

the sky was dotted with red and

black bursts as the ground defences

went into action. Observers noted

the effect of the test.

Baku Oil Fields On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—A

host of workers in the Baku oil

fields have been placed on war

footing since the beginning of

hostilities, states the Moscow radio.

LATEST

RUSSIAN ASSETS IN

U. S. FREED

WASHINGTON, June 24

(Reuter).—The Treasury has

lifted the restrictions from

Russian money assets in the

United States.

Latvian Revolt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—A

dispatch from Berlin to the "Afton

Bladet" states that 60,000 Latvians,

who are supplied with a week's

munitions, are now revolting against

the Soviets. It is added that the

Latvians have succeeded in building

up a regular army and have blown

up bridges and important roads.

Radio Riga has announced that

General Pundzovicius, former Chief

of the General Staff has been ap-

pointed Commander of the anti-

Soviet troops. General Rechitsa has

been appointed Chief of Staff and

Colonel Bobels has been appointed

Military Commander of Riga.

German aircraft are reported to

have bombed Tallin, Helsinki, and

other Finnish coastal towns have

heard distant explosions from the

direction of Estonia's air force, the

Edule. Smoke and explosions are

also reported to have been seen along

the Estonian coast.

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Further Late News

Italians In India

BOMBAY, June 24 (Reuter).—

Over 1,000 officers were among the

1,600 Italian prisoners of war who

arrived in India in two batches.

It is announced that the new

procedure is the result of "the de-

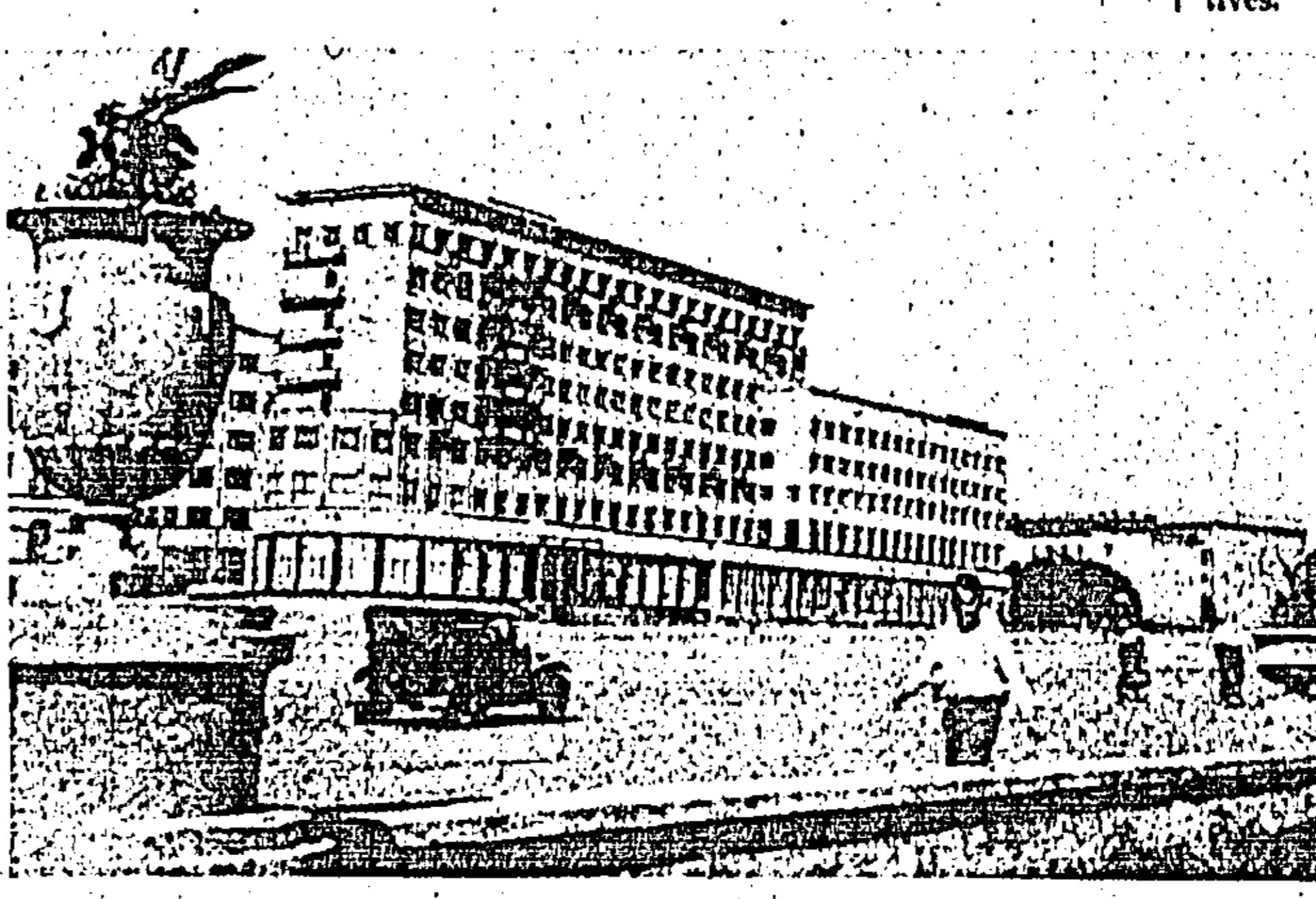
clared emergency and necessity from

the standpoint of national defence

for careful supervision over the

entry of aliens to the United States."

It is announced that the new



Another Soviet Key City

Amongst the Soviet key cities is Kharkov, created since the revolution, which is the tractor-building centre of the Ukraine. Capture of this place is among the more important German military objectives.

Commons and Lords Debate British Support For Russia

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Mr H. G. Lees-Smith, Leader of the Opposition, who followed Mr Anthony Eden in the House of Commons debate, declared that if Hitler imagined that by this act he would be regarded by any party or quarter in this country or the United States as a crusader against Communism, he under-estimated our intelligence. (Cheers).

His last act on Sunday morning merely means that owing to the increased forces which we now have in this country, Hitler has realised that he must defeat Russia and release the great air force and 100 divisions from the Russian border before the final assault on this country.

"Before Mr Eden spoke, I was apprehensive lest this country might allow political pre-possessions to interfere with full strategic co-operation and I was relieved by the statement that the differences of political system did not allow us to obscure the realism of the situation," he went on.

"The realities of the situation are that Hitler is now fighting a war on two fronts.

"Perhaps the most important statement the Foreign Secretary made was that a military and economic mission is about to proceed to Russia.

"Germany can never conquer Russia if Russia has the same spirit of resistance to-day that she had against Napoleon.

"Hitler, after next winter, will be faced with this situation; he will have to hold down in Europe a great number of nations determined to fight for their freedom as soon as the opportunity comes. I don't believe that he can at the same time hold down 180,000,000 Russians if their spirit of resistance is what I think it is."

Liberal View

The Liberal Leader, Sir Percy Harris, was glad that Mr Eden insisted on the strategic importance of the position and declared that some believe that as a result of Germany fighting a war on two fronts, TURN to Back Page, Column 5

R.A.F. Continues Channel Raids

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The unchallenged Royal Air Force carried out their first big offensive sweep of the day early this evening over northern France.

People in south coast towns heard the roar of bombers flying out to sea and violent explosions from beyond the curtain of haze in mid channel. The explosions lasted for nearly half an hour.

While the attack was in progress strong forces of British fighters swept up and down the Channel on the look-out for German fighters but none appeared to approach the English Channel.

Nazis Feel Blows

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that the Germans are undertaking a large-scale evacuation of German civilians and administration officials to Norway to seek rest from the relentless British bombing of Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other north German towns, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

In the last few days, the Germans have requisitioned thousands of flats and houses in Oslo and the surrounding districts and also in Trondheim and some towns and villages in inland parts of the west coast.

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6.—No responsibility will be accepted for the delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted on carded photographs. Ineligible.

8.—Entries submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a small print in black and white.

9.—Entries submitted in more than one Section.

10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes: 5 x 7, 6 x 8, 8 x 10.

11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the competition.

12.—Entries of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.

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SECTION

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By Order of the

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J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director,

Hong Kong, 13th June 1941.

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Hong Kong, June 21, 1941.

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Bomber Fund

In Memoriam Gifts

A total of \$224,517.00 was reached

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The S. C. M. Post has received the

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Benevolent Society in memory of the late

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EQUITABLE RICE DISTRIBUTION

The following are the minutes of the seventh meeting of the Equitable Rice Sales Fund Committee, held at Medical Headquarters on Monday, June 25th, 1941. There were present, the Rev. W. H. Alton, Mr. E. L. Curtis, Mr. C. N. Li, Mr. C. C. Lino, Mr. Wong, Quincy, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, and Dr. P. S. Solvyns-Clarke in the Chair.

The minutes of the sixth meeting held on June 16th, which had been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed as amended.

The Chairman stated that efforts to construct a suitable oil burner capable of cooking rice in the 40-inch rice boilers had not yet been crowned with success. The experiments were still proceeding and a leading oil company was working on the oil.

Sale of Vegetables

His Excellency the Governor had graciously indicated his interest in the Committee's proposals in relation to improving conditions for the vegetable farmer and the consumer.

The Chairman read a letter dated June 21st, from the Chairman of the Vegetable, Fruit Owners and Employees Guild. After discussion, it was decided to send a reply to the Guild thanking the Guild for their offer of a full investigation of the activities of the loans and accepting the invitation.

Messrs E. L. Curtis and C. N. Li were appointed as representatives to meet with a representative of the Guild. It was also decided to ask the Guild to allow the letter to be published so that the general public might have an opportunity of viewing the situation from the angle of the members of the Guild.

Selling Price of Rice

The Controller of Food had advised in a letter dated June 17th that the Committee's Grade A rice should now be sold at \$16.50 per picul and Grade B (now Grade D under the Controller's new specifications) at \$15 per picul.

Several members of the Committee pressed for a reconsideration of the new scale of prices which were maxima and above the prices charged by the rice retail shops for corresponding grades. The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach suggested that these might be based upon replacement costs.

The Chairman stated that the rice had been purchased at the original prices, that the Committee was not a commercial undertaking and so not out to make a profit from the sale of rice, and that he would appeal to the Controller of Food for permission to sell the rice at the original rates at any rate until all the rice owned by the Committee had been sold.

It was generally agreed that in view of the fact that the Committee hoped to close down its rice depots shortly, this seemed to be a reasonable proposal.

Report of Director

The Director reported that 172 sacks (plus 37 lbs.) of Grade A rice

had been purchased at the original prices.

The provisions of the Contracts (War Restrictions) Ordinance, 1937, shall apply in the case of any contract for the performance of which is interfered with by the necessity on the part of any person of complying with the requirements of these regulations.

The provisions of the Defence Regulations, 1940, shall apply for the purpose of the enforcement of these regulations, and otherwise in relation thereto, and these regulations shall be construed and take effect as if the formed part, and shall be deemed to form part, of the Defence Regulations.

The hearing was previously adjourned for a week for evidence to be adduced concerning the laying of cables by the Hongkong Electric Company in the vicinity of the collapsed wall.

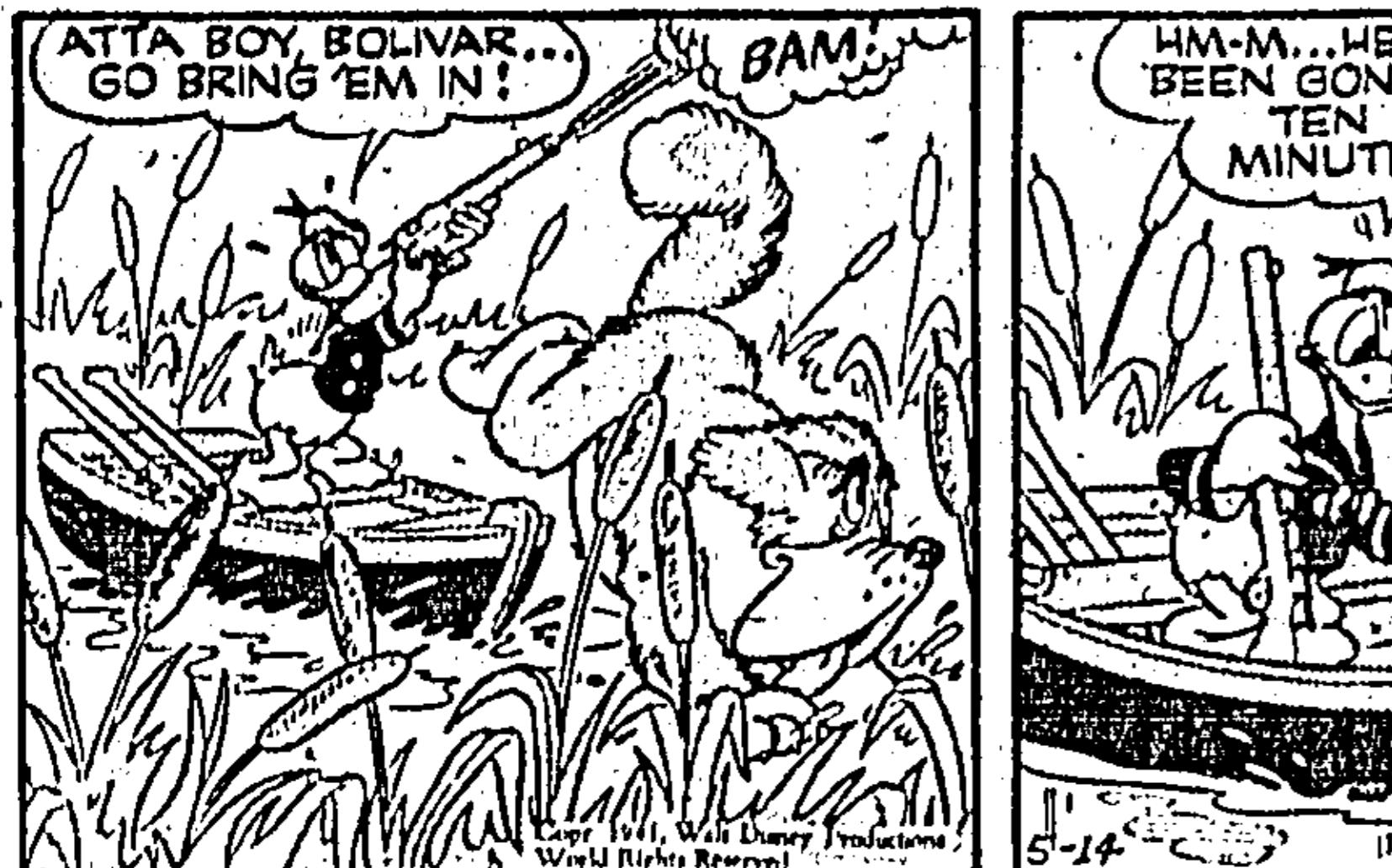
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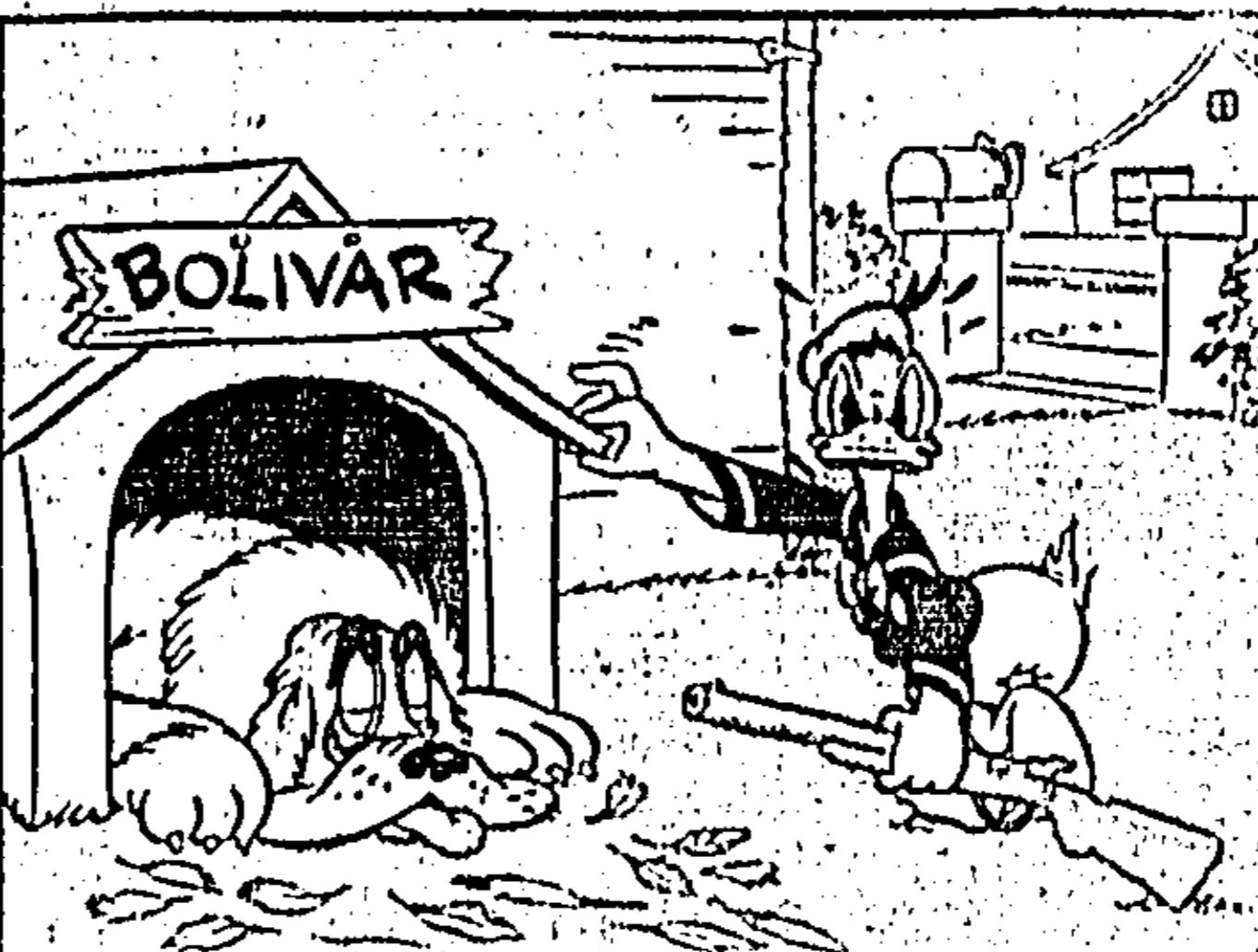
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How to Play
How to Win
By JOSEPHINE CUMMINGSON

Function of a Redouble

MOST players look on the redouble as an offensive weapon, to be used only when one is sure of fulfilling one's own contract and is not afraid of the opponents running out to a playing sacrifice. That, of course, is the prime function of a redouble, but it is not the only one. It also can be used to great advantage as a demand on one's partner to "get out of the way," and let the redoubler take charge, as in the following hand:

West, dealer.
Match-point duplicate.
Both sides vulnerable.

♦ K Q 7
♦ J 6 4
♦ A 9 2
♦ A 7 5 3
♦ Q 6 5 4
♦ A K Q 10 7 5
♦ Q J 6
♦ A 10 3
♦ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 8 4 3
♦ J 10 9 8 2

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♦ A J 8 2
♦ Q 9 3
♦ Q K 7 5
♦ K Q 6 4

The bidding:
West 1 S
North 1 Dbl.
East 2 Dbl.
South 2 Dbl.
Partner 3 Dbl.
Partner 3 Dbl.

It took considerable self-restraint on West's part, first to pass on the two club bid, and second, to lead in the double of that contract. He had great confidence in his partner, however, and although the leave-in of such a double, when void of the doubled suit, is not usually the best practice, he decided to gamble it out this time. Although the result was excellent from the East-West point of view, I am strongly inclined to feel that West's "obedience" was a mistake and that it was only because declarer played hand-bidly that West did not live to regret it.

Three rounds of hearts were played at the start; declarer ruffing the third, while East discarded a spade. Declarer then led a low club to the ace, and when West showed out,

probably became a bit rattled. The diamond ace was cashed and a low diamond was continued. East ducking West's jack won and a low spade was returned, dummy's queen being captured by the ace. East now took charge of the trump situation, cashing the king and queen, then forcing out declarer's last trump by exiting with the six-spot. There was very little declarer could do now. He led a diamond, which East won. Now all East had to do was exercise a little care and judgment. The entire course of play had revealed that declarer's original distribution had been five clubs, four diamonds, two hearts, and two spades. Hence, East carefully laid down the spade jack, to smother declarer's possible ten-spot. Dummy's low spade became a hostage to the defenders and rounded out a penalty of 800 points. Since this was considerably better than East-West could have earned by going game themselves, they naturally rejoiced.

Declarer should have saved a trick and thereby obtained an excellent score for his own team. He had no right to expect a good trump break, considering East's prompt double, hence should have played to ruff one spade and one heart and to surrender, in all, only one spade, two hearts, two diamonds, and two clubs. A 500 point penalty would have been cheap.

To-morrow's Hand

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♦ A Q 9 5 2
♦ K Q 9
♦ Q A
♦ A J 10 6 5
♦ K 6 5 4
♦ Q 7 3
♦ Q 10 8 7 6
♦ Q 9 8
♦ A 10 3
♦ Q 8 2
♦ Q 10 8 4 3
♦ J 10 9 8 2

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♦ A J 8 2
♦ Q 9 3
♦ Q K 7 5
♦ K Q 6 4

How should South play his contract of seven hearts, doubled by West? Opening lead, club nine.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

1-Greek goddess of
4-Center of Brazil
6-Rubber industry
8-Special condition
12-His estimate upon
14-Without limit
15-The sub
18-prefix, strongly
20-strictly
22-liquors
24-strictly for holding
26-hands
28-bound made by
30-baby's skin
32-bound things
34-below
35-present in
36-plate
38-Take as wife
39-strictly have
42-dispatched
43-strong-boxed for
45-Egyptian sun god
47-Was in possession of
48-strictly, suddenly
49-rain with spear-like
50-in vicinity of
52-having lost
53-void of moisture
54-in excessive quantity
55-thin rock
41-African operator
43-strictly
45-Deacon decayed

1-Gaelic language
2-Cereals grass
3-Petrolatum day for
5-Exit as
6-Celtic boy cheer
7-Red country
8-After br authority
9-Red
11-Suit of femininity
13-Chosen by lot
15-Increase in speed
16-permission to
20-District of steel
22-strictly
24-In tidy condition
25-Guides for wheels
26-Nordic English
28-Dramatic
30-strictly
31-strictly
32-strictly
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**WINNING BATTLE OF
THE SKIES**

AGAINST the broad canvas of a conflict which, with its latest developments, has virtually become a world war, the significance of the daylight offensive by the R.A.F. over northern France during the past four days is, perhaps, liable to lose its correct perspective and to be regarded, in well-known military parlance, as merely "local activity." But the figures of relative German and British losses are too arresting to permit this valuation. The Nazis, with all the advantages of a defensive fighting unit have lost 113 planes (for certain) against the R.A.F.'s 30—a ratio of nearly four to one.

These figures give part of the picture. They demonstrate the greatness of the new Spitfires and re-emphasise the undoubtedly superiority of the British pilots. They illustrate that whereas the Nazi airmen, when they invade Britain, seldom escape with an adverse ratio of losses of much less than three to one, the R.A.F., when they take the war into the enemy's camp, can retain at least the same favourable proportion of losses in men and machines.

The other side of the picture which the last four days have given is that Britain is more and more attaining the position where she can raid Germany and German-occupied territory with as much intensity as the Nazis attacked England last year that she can, in fact, take the full initiative in the combat for aerial supremacy, and that British supremacy is more and more becoming a realisation.

Mr Churchill was not using vain and empty words, nor was he indulging in bravado when he promised Russia that Britain would intensify the war against Germany as a result of the Nazi onslaught against the Soviet. The Premier backed up his words by actions—actions which he knew could be taken because at long last the country is in a position to assume an aerial offensive on a major scale.

The knowledge is vastly encouraging and must surely serve to inspire the people of Hongkong to support to the limit the Bomber Fund, which is the Colony's one sure method of helping to supply the R.A.F. with the machines most needed for the successful conduct and

THE UKRAINE

Richest Land on Earth



The Ukraine is news. Germany's attack on Russia has again made people say that Hitler covets the richest province in the U.S.S.R.

HARRISON BROWN, traveller and author, who has made many trips around the world and is familiar with the Ukraine, here presents this factual article.

I WANDERED for days through the richest land on earth, the Socialist Republic of the Ukraine. Through its pretty thatched roof villages and over its collective farms; in the crowded streets of its capital Kiev, of its great port Odessa, and of Kharkov, its chief industrial centre.

My general impression is that this most coveted, and therefore most strategically dangerous, territory represents one of the greatest war. Between December, 1918, Bolshevik successes. To a large extent they have created that best of all bulwarks against aggression from outside, a contented people. It was not always so.

Even three or four years ago attack from outside might easily have been accompanied by sporadic revolt within the country itself. To-day that seems out of the question.

The Ukrainians are a gay people. Not for nothing are their folk dances and balalaika orchestras famous throughout the world. Dancing and music bubble forth as the natural expression of the Ukrainian temperament.

In other ways, too, the Ukraine is different. The people are bigger, healthier and more swarthy than the muddy-faced Muscovites. Although enslaved for generations, they have never acquired the slave mentality, and this no doubt accounts for the amazing speed with which they are now developing.

THE countryside, too, is different. The villages look cleaner with their little whitewashed cottages, their cherry orchards and flower gardens. They contrast strongly with the unpainted, dimly-coloured wooden shacks and houses of the North and East. Kiev, their capital city on the Dnieper, is one of the most beautiful towns in Russia.

consolidation of this offensive. No direct appeal from Mr Churchill to this Coblyn could be more emphatic than the news of the last four days. Britain is winning the battle of the skies, and Hongkong has a glorious opportunity to contribute towards the final and conclusive elimination of the Luftwaffe and the avenging of London, Coventry, Southampton, Portsmouth and the other blitzed cities of Britain.

Under the Tsars the Ukrainians were, of course, an oppressed people; to such an extent that even their language Poles, Germans, with a sprinkling of Tartars, Gipsies and was not allowed to be taught. In 1918 the great landowners other races. In area the country lay under a ruthless occupation which, incidentally, has not been forgotten.

Then came Allied interventionists and a period of civil war. Between December, 1918, and August, 1919, Kiev saw fourteen different Governments rise and fall. There came then an end to the time of burning villages, but not an end of trouble.

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THE enemy, we will imagine, occupies two towns 100 miles apart. Immediately, on our war maps, we draw a line between those two towns, and say, "There is the new battlefield."

This conception of "lines" and "fronts" dates from the last war. In this war of movement, it is often old-fashioned and dangerous.

Of course, when fronts become stabilised—as they did in Albania—troops on both sides could dig in, and real lines could be formed, not at first but by slow degrees.

Even so, there was not a continuous "line" of twenty-five miles ago. Modern defences are not organised in that way.

They are, usually, small areas prepared to meet all-round attack—and there are lots of hostile forces behind the foremost ones, and heavier bodies of troops

coming up behind—very often a long way behind.

Sometimes in France these mechanised troops.

The spaces between these small defended areas are usually open. By day, they are covered the enemy centres of resistance.

who guessed too well what it would mean for themselves, did nothing to help the peasant understand.

The attempt on the part of the Government to force hundred per cent. communism down their throats proved a costly failure.

The famine years of 1932 and 1933 were less the result of climatic conditions than of refusal on the part of the Ukrainian peasant to reap or sow. The harvest was got in largely by townspeople and forced labour.

The volte-face came with the so-called Stalin Statute, by which the peasant is allowed to possess an acre or two of land of his own and a few domestic animals. To-day there are 27,000 collective farms and all but 10 per cent. of agricultural land in the Ukraine is cultivated by State farms or collectives. The Government may be said to have retreated, but it was a retreat which brought victory.

INDUSTRIAL development is even more important. Everywhere one sees new plants in operation or in course of building. Operated by the nine giant turbines of the Dnieper Dam are enormous metal and chemical works, of which the aluminium plant alone produces more than the total production of France. There is another near by which produces more pig iron than the whole of Poland.

In Kharkov they make everything from biscuits to locomotives. The huge tractor plant is famous. So also are the great turbine and electric generator works.

Accompanying this is a prodigious improvement in education. Before the Revolution 60 per cent. of the population was illiterate. To-day there are more youngsters in the Ukraine enjoying higher education than there are in Nazi Germany. There are 27,000 medical students alone, 30,000 in the Agricultural Colleges, and 11,000 more in the Universities for specialised agricultural work.

Almost every important industrial area in the country has its own air club and thousands of workers become trained pilots in their spare time. According to a published report, more than 100,000 applications for such training have been received so far this year.

Yet even in this land of fabulous resources the Ukraine ranks easily first. To-day the Ukraine, in which lies the

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If they could not, they would have been destroyed.

Anyhow, it is quite wrong for us nowadays to think that because two fast-moving columns 50 miles apart, have advanced 50 miles deep into enemy territory, they have therefore conquered all the country behind them or in between them.

They have not. All they have really taken and held is the ground they themselves actually occupy, as they stand.

What they have done is to disrupt the connections between the hostile defended areas, and to threaten and possibly to cut lines of communication.

If these lines of inter-communication and of rearward communication cannot be restored, then the resistance of these isolated defended areas cannot be prolonged, because their material means of fighting will be exhausted.

Moreover, the knowledge that this is so may demoralise the garrisons and cause them to surrender or retreat at once.

Then the country in the rear of these mobile forces that have pushed so far ahead can really be said to be conquered—but not till then.

So let us get out of our heads the idea of "lines" and continuous fronts in the mobile warfare of to-day.

It is as out of date as castles and crossbows.

NO MORE "FRONT LINES"

By Major
E. W. Sheppard

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KENYA MURDER TRIAL EVIDENCE

NAIROBI, June 24 (Reuters).—The question whether bullets found by the Police at the farm where Sir Delves Broughton practised with a revolver and the bullets fired at Lord Erroll were from the same or different weapons was discussed at the resumption of the trial of the baron on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll to-day.

Captain Thomas William Overton, an army small arms expert called for the defence, had previously expressed conviction that the bullets were from different weapons and not, as government witnesses had stated, from the same weapon. Now, replying to the judge, he said that he would not swear that there were no "true characters" on the bullets used in the crime which were not on the bullets found at the farm. He admitted that he had not used a microscope in his investigation.

Court Adjourns

At the Crown's request, Captain Overton used the Government Chemist's microscope to examine the bullets, the Court adjourning for the purpose.

Captain Overton asked the assistance of the Government Chemist and a police officer with the microscope. Later he said that his examination confirmed his previous evidence.

In the afternoon, Captain Overton withdrew his former criticism of the Crown's bullet photographs.

Hitler Has Lost War Says Benes

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters).—Hitler's "mistake" in invading Russia has removed the spectre of a Nazi victory and has decided the issue of the war, declared Dr. Eduard Benes, President of the Czechoslovak Republic, broadcasting to the Czechoslovak nation to-night.

Dr Benes compared the Germans' action to the howling and raving of a wild beast in a powerless rage.

Hess Had Mission

For the past six months he said the Germans knew that they could not defeat Britain and debated among themselves what they ought to do. These disputes led to the flight of Rudolf Hess, who, because of previous contact with British circles, believed that he could persuade the British to stop the war which could only lead to a German defeat.

German leaders were particularly anxious to end the war and intended to attack Russia after Britain had been defeated.

Finns And Poland

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters).—Finland no longer recognises the existence of Poland as an independent state and has this afternoon handed note to that effect, dating from to-day, to the Polish Minister in Helsinki.

The reason given is that since Poland is occupied and administered partly by Germany and partly by Russia, "the activity of the Legation rests without any practical foundation."

The Polish Minister has sent a note of protest to the Finnish Foreign Office.

Portuguese Lifeboat Is Missing

LISBON, June 24 (Reuters).—The British Embassy here has issued the following statement to-day: "With regard to the sinking of the Portuguese ship Ganda, the British Embassy is in a position to state that no British or Allied submarine was, on the date in question, in the waters in which the incident occurred."

Despite diligent search by sea and air, no trace has yet been reported of the second lifeboat which, it is believed, contained forty survivors of the Ganda.

It will be recalled that the Ganda was torpedoed en route from Lisbon to East Africa, and that 23 survivors, mostly injured, were landed on Sunday by trawler. Two persons were killed.

Diplomatic Changes

New Envoy To Brazil

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters).—Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, former Minister in Belgrade, has been appointed Minister in Washington in succession to Sir General Campbell, who was recently made Director-General of Information in the United States.

Sir Noel Hughes Havelock Charles is appointed Ambassador in Rio de Janeiro in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.

Sir Noel Charles is made a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George on his appointment.

Calling Up Of New Zealanders

WELLINGTON, June 24 (Reuters).—A further territorial call-up involves 18-year-olds and those who have become 19 or 21 since the last territorial gazette.

A similar call-up will be made again in about a month, bringing in 18, 19 and 41-year-old men.

The age limit for overseas service is 21 to 40.

WISHFUL THINKING BY NAZIS

Reverse Recent Air Losses

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters).—The German Army's operations have proceeded very satisfactory according to plan.

This is the only reference to the Russian campaign contained in a German High Command communiqué.

It proceeds to say that British aircraft attempted a daylight sweep over occupied territory in which the enemy lost 22 aircraft compared with Germany's three.

(It is remarked in London that the German habit of reversing the figures of aerial losses reflects the anxiety of the Wilhelmstrasse to divert German attention from the unpleasant fact that Germany now faces a campaign on two fronts.)

Big Guns

The communiqué records that a German long-range battery shelled British shipping in the English Channel.

During Monday night, German aircraft bombed harbour installations in the Thames Estuary and also southeast England, causing large fires.

British bombers on Monday night dropped a small number of high explosive incendiary bombs in northwestern Germany, hitting residential buildings and killing and wounding several civilians. The enemy lost three aircraft in these operations in which a German night fighter claims to have registered its 200th night victory.

A.F.S. Code Of Conduct Objection

A code of conduct for 24,000 men and women in the A.F.S. which would inflict fines up to £6 10s. for disobedience and impose extra hours of duty for other offences was to have been approved by the L.C.C.

The Civil Defence and General Purposes Committee had the plan ready. But the Fire Brigades Union, criticising the code as "needlessly harsh," and preparing to wage a fierce fight against this Draconian measure, met certain members of the council, told them the union had not been consulted, that an elementary right was at stake.

So before the council met members went into a behind-the-scenes huddle. And when the item on the committee's agenda was reached during the meeting the chairman announced that it had been decided to refer the matter back.

Unions Called In

In other parts of the country A.F.S. men may appeal to a committee of councillors when they consider they have been unjustly punished.

The L.C.C. considered this procedure "cumbersome, if not unworkable" and proposed setting up a headquarters board, consisting of principal officers of the London Fire Service. The final appeal was to the chief officer himself.

Drake codified the laws of Athens in the seventh century B.C. For nearly all crimes the penalty was death.

Visitors To Gaimusho

TOKYO, June 24 (Reuters).—The Soviet and Italian Ambassadors called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, separately this afternoon. Each remained for half an hour.

SIX REASONS WHY HUSBANDS LEAVE HOME

The number of American husbands who deserted their wives last year totalled to 71,500. They gave six main reasons, according to Dean G. Harvey, of the Temple University Law School, of Philadelphia, viz.: Wives talked too much about their operations.

Came down to breakfast in curlers and negligee.

Told in detail of children's misdeeds.

Tried to keep up with the Joneses.

Were too critical.

Had no sense of humour.

He made these disclosures at a women's club luncheon — among whose members listening was his wife.

Bucharest Alert

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters).—Bucharest had a 20-minute air raid alarm at 6.40 p.m. to-day, says a message to the German official news agency.



"ELECTRIC WHISKERS"—General Annibale Borgonzoli, "Electric Whiskers," Italian commander who hiked across desert after British captured Bardia, Libya, recuperating in unidentified British hospital.

Pool Trade Problems, Says U.S. Expert

Closer economic unity between Britain and the U.S. is advocated by Mr T. D. Campbell, President Roosevelt's agricultural adviser, who is visiting England.

He suggests a commission representing every industry to study distribution of products of Great Britain, the Empire and the United States.

"I am ready to recommend that we should keep out of the English wheat market and leave it to Canada," he said.

"That would enable Canada to buy more from us."

Women Drive Better

He said he might be of some use in suggesting to British agriculturists the fuller use of machinery and other American farming equipment.

Mr Campbell went on: "I was delighted to see so many women doing satisfactory work in the factories."

"I maintain that women can drive tractors better than men. They obey instructions more carefully and look after their machines better."

Dogs Help Our War Chest

The bulldog, national emblem of Britain, is now proving a valuable source of funds for Britain's war chest.

He was one of many breeds of dogs exported from the United Kingdom last year. Over 500 were shipped abroad, their value totalling over £25,000.

Britain, the acknowledged dog-breeding centre of the world, shipped nearly all the popular breeds last year. The animals ranged in value from £10 to £1,000 each, and included such dogs as the terriers—fox, bull, Cairn, Airedale and Kerry Blue—as well as pointers, setters, English springers, elkhounds, greyhounds and big dogs like the Great Dane and mastiff.

Despite German boasts of U-boat sinkings only £20 was paid out by insurance underwriters during the year for dogs lost at sea by enemy action.

Windsor Castle Allotments

At the King's suggestion, lodge keepers in Windsor Castle estate have each been given a strip of ground in the Royal Gardens to cultivate sufficient vegetables for their family needs throughout the year.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret have converted into vegetable gardens the flower beds they themselves cultivated, and are now growing, among other produce, onions and carrots.

Etiquette Lesson For Ribbentrop

Alice Hemming, widely-travelled woman journalist, now residing in Vancouver, tells how von Ribbentrop committed a breach of etiquette while he was German Ambassador in London before the war.

Von Ribbentrop broke with convention by sending out invitations to an Embassy banquet styled in his own German tongue.

The Chinese Ambassador at that time had a keen sense of humour. He replied to the invitation in five pages of Chinese.

Crashed Pilot, Chased by Nazis, Sprints to Liberty

A Hurricane pilot who was shot down in No Man's Land, between German and Anglo-Greek lines, and reported missing, is safely back with his squadron.

He was hunted by a German advanced patrol who saw him come down, and ran three miles over rough ground before he was rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots the Germans withdrew.

On his return the pilot, who was recently awarded the D.F.C., said: "We had been ground-strafing German motorised columns and had done a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was intense, and a lucky shot stopped my engine."

Waved Plane Away

I looked round and saw a possible landing. As I climbed out of the cockpit the aircraft caught fire.

"Another pilot of the squadron circled overhead. I knew he could not make it, so I waved him away, and sprinted as hard as I could towards our lines.

"I knew a patrol was after me. I was just about dead, but when the Australians 'picked me up' and came after me at once, they also saw Germans moving towards the crashed aircraft."

Konoye Addresses Nation

Japan Will Go On

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 24 (Domei).—A stirring appeal to the Japanese and Chinese nations was put by the Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, in a radio speech to-night.

Prince Konoye said in brief: "Judging coolly from the objective viewpoint, Japan would probably be able to use three methods against China. Firstly, to carry out an aggression in China on the strength of Japan's actual forces by demanding reparations, territorial cessions and others.

"Secondly, to partition and rule China together with powerful third countries. These two methods represent the so-called Imperialistic policy of the Powers which have been tested since 100 years ago in the direction of colonising China.

"Thirdly, in contrast to the two foregoing methods not to deny China her aspiration of independence but to strengthen her growth and, with full co-operation with a strengthened China as the axis, to emancipate various East Asiatic peoples and establish permanent peace in East Asia.

Third Method Chosen

"Of the three methods the first two are those of a conqueror and being easy and serving immediate purposes, are pragmatic, entailing lesser sacrifices. Why, then, have we chosen by avoiding these the most difficult third method which ordinary people can hardly understand? It is because the morality of the Japanese nation has dictated it and the main current of world history has clearly guaranteed it.

"At the present time when world events are changing more swiftly than the flow of water, we could hardly tolerate East Asia stagnating in anachronistic ideas and being placed in a prolonged state of civil strife. We have, therefore, with open mind hoped for the reflection and drastic realisation of the Chungking influences.

"The world is blocked by war clouds both in the East and in the West. In accordance with the inherent tendencies of mankind, the world is seeking a new order based on plunder and aggression. In such an age one must be ignorant to dream of any nation or country becoming great to-morrow without making sacrifices. Of course we want to minimise the ravages of war as far as possible.

Third Parties

"The fact that this is impossible is not due to China's natural wishes but due to the restraining influence of extraneous third parties and China's natural wish not being independent in the proper sense of the word. We firmly believe that a truly independent country and the true wishes of China with her own purposes are now coming into form from amidst roaring gunfire.

"The future of new China is by no means plain, while the seas are also rough in the path of Japan facing the Pacific. Historical truth, however, finally comes to its natural settlement after many twists and turns. The mountain that is rising ahead of the battle for truth, however steep and longwinded it may be, has only one pass to cross. Evidently it is to be blamed for wavering, due to the length of the path.

"It may be difficult to tell whether we are up or down the hill. Japan will never forfeit her aspiration halfway. It is glory that is lying ahead of us."

Soviet Envoy In Berlin Not Received

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 24 (Domei).—The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Vladimir Dekanozov, actually did not meet the Nazi Foreign Minister, Ribbentrop, for two hours prior to the outbreak of the German-Soviet hostilities, as reported, but therefore he did not receive the "final ultimatum."

This startling revelation was made during an international radiophone conversation between the Tokyo "Nichinichi" and its Berlin Bureau on Monday night.

The "Nichinichi's" Berlin chief correspondent, Mr. Mino Kato, stated that in reality Mr. Dekanozov met only the Vice-Foreign Minister, Count von Weizsaecker, and that for a short time only.

Mission To Moscow

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters).—It is understood that preparations for the dispatch of a British mission to Russia are being pressed forward as quickly as possible and it is expected that they will be completed shortly.

Sir Stafford Cripps, who is occupied with further consultations and discussions in London, hopes to be able to return to Moscow in a few days.

TROOPS LEAVE STRIKE FACTORY

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters).

The War Department announces that troops have been withdrawn from the North American Aviation factory at Inglewood, California, where a strike holding up big defense orders was settled recently.

Following the failure of mediation efforts, President Roosevelt had sent troops to the factory to ensure that there should be no interference with the resumption of work.

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Around The Courses

Advised Preservation Of Equipment And Balls

Possible Shortage Of Sports Materials

Rust And Rot Of Clubs

(By "Birdie")

THE TIMELY but not altogether gloomy warning forecast of Mr F. Miller, sports manager of one of Australia's biggest firms, that the effect of a long war will be a shortage in sports materials was printed on this page on Monday, and it certainly wouldn't do any harm for people in Hongkong and the Far East to pay just a little attention to the words that have been written.

Particularly so in the tropics, damage through rust to steel shafted clubs takes quite a toll on equipment. Only recently I saw two such shafted clubs snap in the hands of the wielders in the act of hitting.

The weather we are having at the moment is highly destructive. There is first the rain, then condensation and thirdly perspiration. All three soak through the leather grips and when they have wrought their damage on the club shaft and it snaps, the condition of the shaft is an amazing revelation. Even without the rain, the second two sources are sufficient to create havoc.

A glance at such a broken shaft is enough to galvanise one into more serious preservation of one's clubs.

Perhaps the principle fault in the manufacture is that the shafts are not chromium plated the whole length, but only from the neck to the beginning of the grip. Underneath the grip is just plain, unprotected, metal.

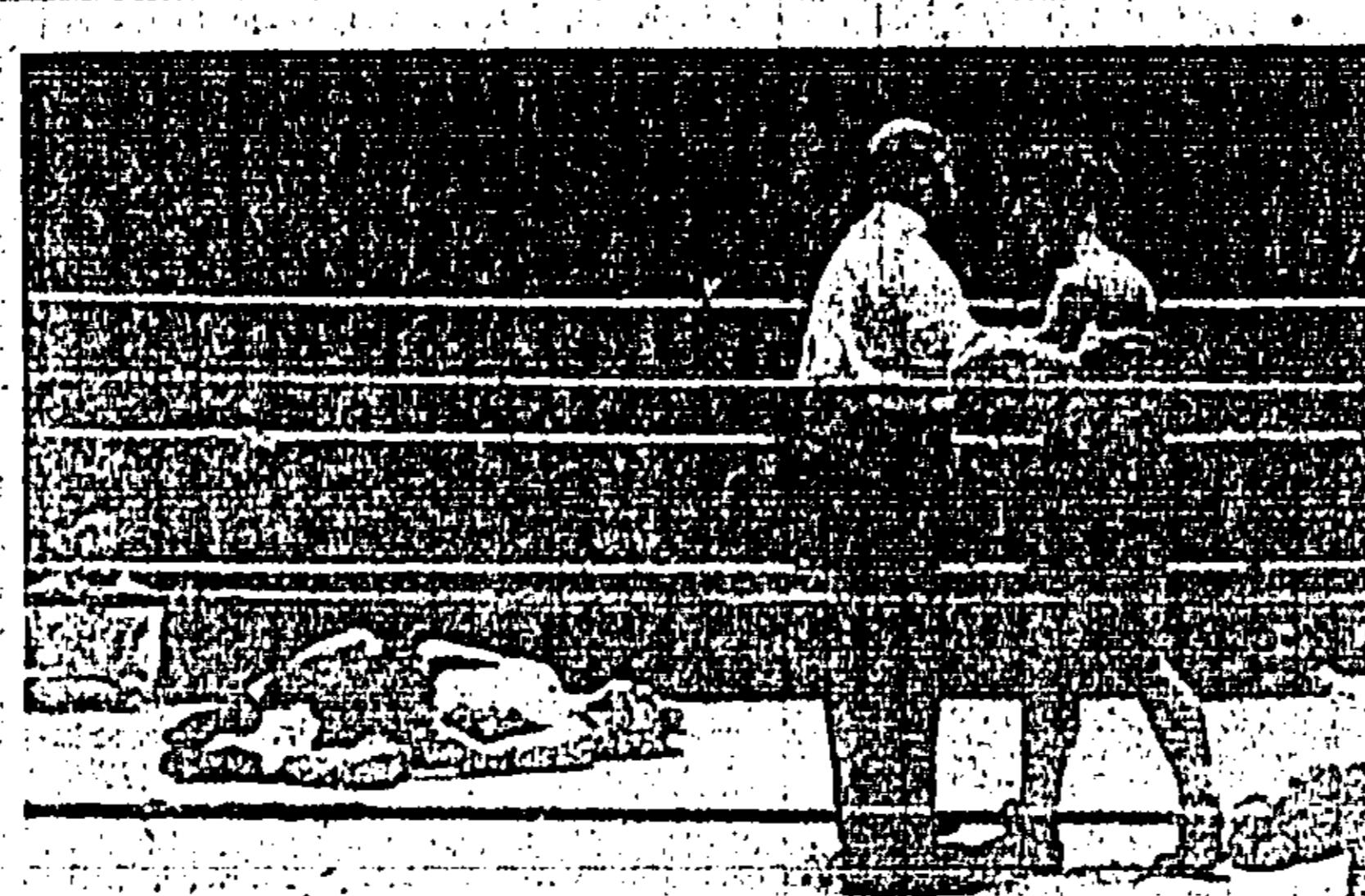
This is one solution to the problem, the second is one of castor oil and methylated spirit. The main use of this is to preserve the tackiness of the leather, ensuring a better hold, but it also helps to keep moisture from reaching through to the steel.

Another source of damage to clubs is the rotting of the wooden heads. It is thus all the more imperative that clubs should be oiled after use, even the irons. Caddies, I know, are supposed to perform this duty, but the more careful player will give it his personal attention.

The junction of the head to the shaft is a vulnerable spot. Steel can be attacked through here, and the danger of snapping especially with irons cannot be minimised.

About golf, Mr Miller said: "Restriction on imports of steel tubing and heavy tool demands may stop the manufacture of golf clubs in a year or so. Used motor tyres, may be boiled down to make, not the present type, but a solid gutta-percha ball with only one-third the driving distance.

These are words of wisdom, and it should not be surprising if, especially with regard to imported



The final scene of the disappointing Eric Boon-Kid Berg bout in London recently. Berg (on the canvas) won on a foul.

Chinese Tourists Beat Sth Australia

ADELAIDE, June 24. (UPI)—The Chinese touring soccer team beat South Australia 4-1 to-day.

clubs, there should be a scarcity in Hongkong before long.

ONE of the finest drainage systems that could be installed on a golf course is that of trees. But the trouble with most of our courses here is that they were once paddi-fields and the clay content of the soil prevents the water from sinking through.

This is especially so at the Country Club, Sheungshui, and the only way out there is the digging of ditches. The first fairway at Kowloon is a real teaser for the Course Committee, and even at the moment there are extensive operations in progress to take away the rain that has settled there.

But whatever drawbacks the rain may have had on that fairway, it has certainly done some good on the fifth where lizards—tree-lizards, I am told they are called, though there aren't any trees for quite some distance around—have burrowed their way into the comparatively sandy ground and have tossed out their diggings on to the surface.

These lizards, seen through a big magnifying glass, would present an awe-inspiring spectacle, for they are minatures of the great reptiles of the prehistoric ages. They are, in fact, similar to those used in the making of the film "One Million B.C."

Picturesque as they may be, they are nevertheless a great pest on a golf course. They have an aversion for water, and the recent rains have either kept them away or drowned them. I doubt if the latter cause is

Lawn Bowls Pairs

Leonard & Ward Beat Phillips And McKelvie

Two Matches Yesterday

TWO MATCHES in the Lawn Bowls Pairs Open Championship were played yesterday; the more exciting of the two being that in which J. W. Leonard and W. Ward, of Craignow, eliminated R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie, Kowloon B.G.C., 16-14 at the Kowloon F.C.

At the Civil Service C.C., C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto beat F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgins 21-13.

Leonard and Ward scored on 13 of the 21 heads at the Kowloon F.C., but in their eight heads, Phillips and McKelvie

correct, however, for past rains have not resulted in their extinction.

MOST people who play golf find it one of the most difficult and tantalising of games. But there is at least one man who will not play the game because it is "too easy," says "Golf Monthly."

Sacha Guitry, the French actor, went to Evian to take the waters and play golf. He bought a complete outfit, including gloves and umbrella, from the professionals and went out for his first lesson.

After a few demonstrations from the pro, he drove his first shot well over a bunker about 200 yards down the fairway. He repeated the performance a second and third time, threw away the driver and walked off the tee, remarking, "This game is childish, too easy for me." He never came back either to play or for his clubs.

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Nazi Methods Of Gaining Information

Famed Polish Athlete Tortured To Death

LONDON, June 17 (Reuter)—Janusz Kusocinski, famous Polish long-distance runner, who won the 10,000 metres championship in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo, according to news reaching Polish circles here.

Kusocinski, like hundreds of other prominent citizens, was charged by the Germans of being connected with anti-German underground activities. Although lacking proof, the Gestapo determined to extract information from Kusocinski, and tortured him, for several months before killing him.

They first broke his legs which brought him many athletic victories in various parts of the world, and during the second investigation they broke his left arm and damaged his right eye.

Later Kusocinski was thrown into a dark dungeon practically without food and water and was periodically subjected to fresh tortures.

Broken Man

A fellow prisoner who saw the famous athlete at this stage said that he looked like a broken old man with his long white beard and was practically blind and dumb.

Kusocinski died later and his name has been added to the long list of martyred Polish patriots.

Throughout the ordeal Kusocinski refused to utter one word of value to the enemy.

Water-Polo

Navy "A" Beaten 6-0 By Middlesex "A"

Six games in the water-polo tournament were held yesterday, the biggest upset being Navy A's defeat by Middlesex A 6-0.

Navy A were very closely marked by Middlesex A at the Y.M.C.A. and consequently their forwards were unable to score. Middlesex A, however, made the most of their opportunities in the deep-end and their faster breakaways paved the way for goals. Bindon (3), Hymas (2) and Jennings scored.

An Upset

The 5th A.A. Regiment caused an upset when they beat 8th Coastal Regiment 4-0 in the Army pool. Yabsley (2), Clarke and Wilson netted.

Win For "X"

Scots were unfortunate to be without H. A. W. Millar and Slaters, who are on the sick list, when they met Y.M.C.A. The Civilians won 4-1. A. F. May (2), Goldman and Benn scoring for the winners, and Morris, a newcomer to the Scots who shows signs of promise, netting when Goldman was out of the water.

Signals Too Good

Signals proved much too good for Navy B who were without H. G. Thompson and were swamped 10-0. Dignan (6), Bedford (2), Hurn, Allen and McCann were the scorers.

Small Units Superior

Small Units proved much superior to Navy C who were beaten 5-2. Macdonald (2), Nicholls, Knightley and Thorley scored for the Small Units and Doherty and Wilson replied.

Macc "B" Win 3-0

Middlesex B beat Scots B 3-0, Lomax, Radley and Peacock being the scorers.

German Tennis Star Killed

BERLIN, June 10 (UPI)—Heinz Landmann, former German tennis champion, has been killed in action while serving as an officer. It was officially announced to-day. Details of his death were not divulged.

During his best years, Landmann scored victories over such internationalists as Vincent Richards of the United States, Bunny Austin of Britain, and Jack Crawford of Australia.

Clapton Orient Suspended

Clapton Orient F.C. has been suspended by the Football Association.

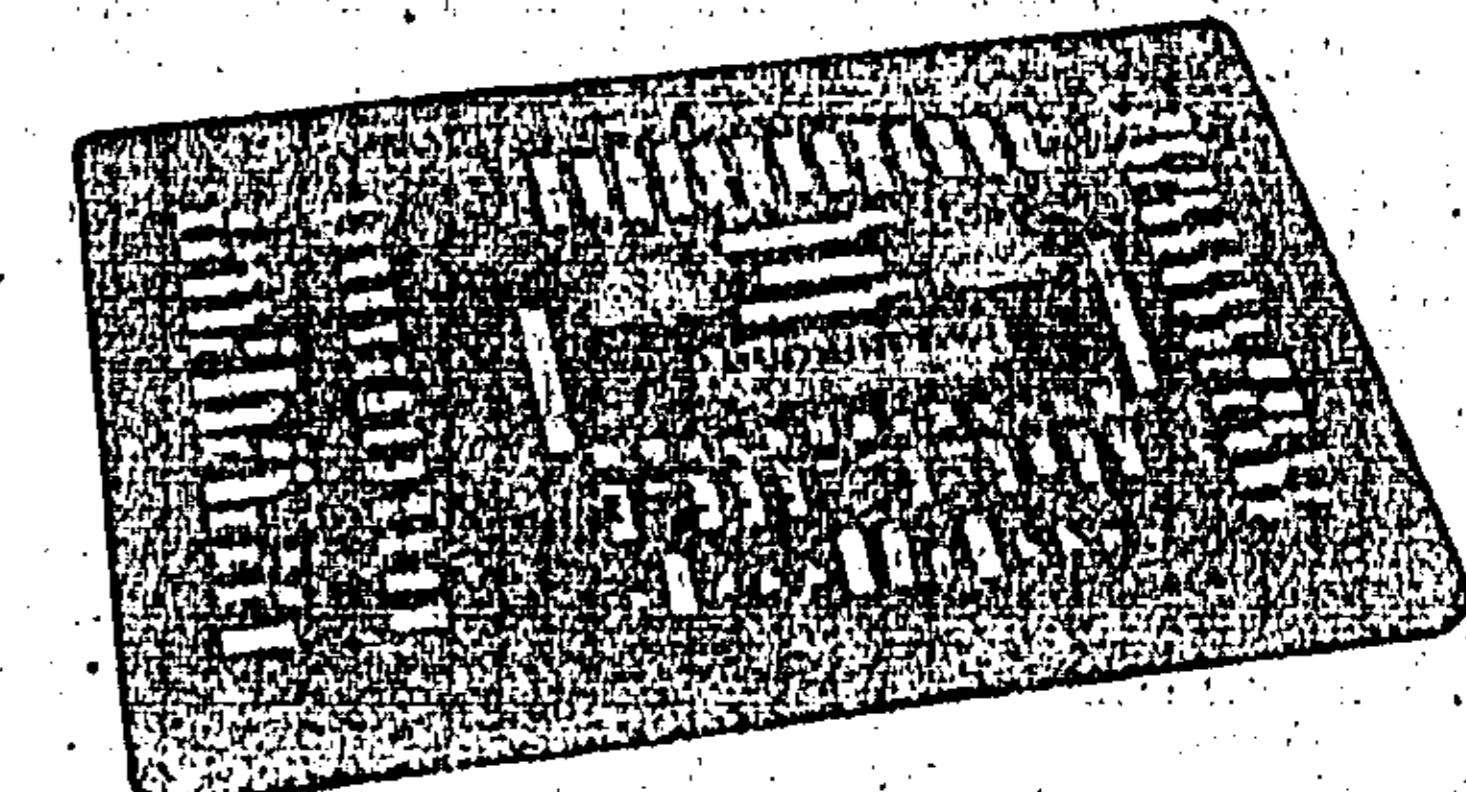
This follows complaints by players and others against the club in respect of money alleged to be due and of which the directors were invited but failed to offer an explanation within seven days.

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Japan Has Backed Wrong Horse, Says Ex-Envoy

Japan made the same mistake as Italy when she joined the Axis—she thought Britain and the Empire were "down and out," Sir Robert Clive, former British ambassador to Japan, told Vancouver Board of Trade transportation bureau recently.

"Japan may now feel she has backed the wrong horse," the tall, grey-haired diplomat said. "It is significant she is now putting out 'feelers' with a view to stopping the war with China."

A large and enthusiastic audience of civic officials and prominent business men listened enthralled, and applauded frequently. Sir Robert presented his views of Japanese expansion and Anglo-Japanese relations in an address given under auspices of the Overseas League.

He declared Japan joined the Axis because while Britain stood in the way of her economic expansion more than any other country, Germany did not.

"When Japanese trade began to develop after the Great War, she suddenly realized that Great Britain was in possession of places that were vital to her expansion needs.

"It was not a case of individual dislike because, as it happens, the British people as individuals have always got on well with the Japanese."

Developed Trade

At one time Sir Robert said, the idea prevailed that Japan was a military and not a commercial race. Since then by her vast development of the steel industry, Japan had proved her capacity for developing trade on a big scale.

Japan was involved in the last war to such a small extent that immediately after hostilities ceased she was in a position to "forge ahead."

"After the war the Japanese got away to a flying start by sending arms to Russia, and from 1920 to 1930 developed an enormous trade in cotton goods, particularly in the Far East, during the slump in Lancashire."

Push Out White Man

Sir Robert showed how Japan had followed a colonial policy of "pushing out the white man's trade."

"This is directly contrary to the British policy of encouraging free trade in all her colonies. Hongkong and Singapore are fitting examples of this policy."

"In 1934 the Japanese made a claim which practically amounted to suzerainty over China. This was tested when Sir Frederick Leith Ross, a high treasury official, came out with the idea of somehow stabilizing the Chinese dollar."

"Japanese businessmen were quite in favour of that, but the military opposed it. The views of businessmen were practically identical, because they always look at a problem from a practical economic point of view."

"The Japanese, by encouraging Korean gangsters to smuggle goods into North China under protection of the military, did their best to break down the Chinese customs service."

Britons Handicapped

"Goods were poured into Tientsin, which paid no customs duties at all, with the result that the English traders who paid their dues were completely handicapped."

When France collapsed in 1940, Sir Robert continued, Japan saw a marvellous opportunity for expansion in Indo-China by signing a pact with the Axis. After that she hoped to gain economic control in the Dutch East Indies.

"This was all part of the so-called 'New Order,' Sir Robert said.

"In Japan during 1936 and 1937 they were always seizing on incidents to make trouble between different parts of the Empire. They also sent a goodwill mission to Australia, and later tried to force Australia to lower wool prices by boycotting sales and threatening to buy her wool from South Africa."

"Again in an effort to make a commercial treaty with India favourable to themselves, the Japanese began boycotting India goods."

"This was partly a political move aimed at causing friction in different parts of the Empire."

"The unwillingness of Empire countries in the present war effort shows that her policy in this respect has failed," Sir Robert declared.

100 Miles To Pay 2s 6d

An Army officer who gave his name as Lt. Harrington travelled more than 100 miles from the South of England to Kettering recently to repay a loan of 2s. 6d. on behalf of a dead soldier.

The soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, lost his life as a result of his duty. His dying wish was that the money be given to a member of the Kettering branch of the Royal Mid-Norfolk Division.

Germans Squeal At Bayonets

Forty Germans routed by a British patrol of seven men during the enemy assault on our defence lines at Tobruk squealed at sight of British bayonets.

"When it comes to hand fighting the Germans are about on par with the Italians," was the comment of one of the small British party.

"In a scrap where it's every man for himself they go all to pieces."

This is the story as told to a British United Press correspondent by the patrol leader, an Australian, a former commercial traveller from Sydney.

"We repulsed the fifth attack on our post by 300 German infantrymen, supported by tanks, who got within 1,000 feet of our position," he said. "Then, about 10.30 p.m., we got word that there were about forty Germans inside the wire."

"I took six men so as not to weaken the post too much. We tore into them with our bayonets."

"Don't Kill Me" Cry

"I got the shock of my life because only one showed fight. The fifth I tackled grabbed my rifle and pulled me down on top of him."

"I used my rifle on several other German heads until it broke. Then I picked up a stone. The rest of the forties, probably thinking it was a hand grenade, grovelled, one shouting, 'I'm a soldier of Germany. Don't kill me.'

"Another was shouting, 'Peace, it is peace, s'il vous plait!'

Eric Gill's Widow Gets A Pension

Mrs M. E. Gill, widow of Eric Gill, the sculptor, has been granted a £120 Civil List pension.

"I have no income of any sort since my husband died," she said. "This is a godsend."

"My husband was not a rich man. He lived and worked solely for his art."

Another woman to receive a £120 pension is Mrs Matilda Helen Davies, widow of W. H. Davies, the "Tramp Poet."

"Although my husband's books continue to sell as well as can be expected in war-time," she said, "they do not bring in quite as much as they might."

A third beneficiary is Dr Charles Chamberlain Hurst, the scientist, who in 1933 raised a storm of criticism by proposing that the State should produce a race of super-intellectuals by breeding only from specially selected men and women.

In one of his technical works he claimed that man could produce new races of animals and plants, much more quickly than Nature, by the use of X-rays.

Lord Kimberley Killed In Raid

On London Visit

The Earl of Kimberley, who as Lord Wodehouse was an All-England polo player of exceptional brilliance, was killed during a recent raid on London. He was 57.

He was chairman of the Bath Club, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and had travelled to London from Norfolk to attend a meeting of the directors to discuss the future of the club.

Since he succeeded to the title in 1932 Lord Kimberley had not been much in the public eye. He was formerly a member of Mr. Buckmaster's famous polo team of Old Cantabs and played for England against the United States. From 1908-1910 he was Liberal M.P. for the old Mid-Norfolk Division.

Shortage Of Meat In Sweden

But Fish Is Still Plentiful

NEW YORK—Meat including pork has been placed on Sweden's rations list along with butter, fats, coal, hides, copper and copper alloys, according to information recently published by the American Swedish News Exchange here.

The weekly allowance has been set at a half a kilogram, or a little more than a pound, of meat for each person weekly. Fish is still plentiful.

A further measure by the Government to control rising prices was also forecast by Government circles recently. Retail prices, according to official figures, have reached a point 30 per cent. higher than in August, 1939.

Loan To Finland

At the same time Sweden has agreed to send 20,000 tons of bread grains as a loan to Finland. Wheat, flour, butter, eggs, pork, seed oats, and other products will be sent to Finland under the terms of a new trade agreement between the two countries.

A gift of 400 tons of sugar will also be distributed in Finland and Norway.

Meanwhile a new industry has grown up in Sweden around the substitution of charcoal for gasoline in motor vehicles.

Wood For Engines

At present it is estimated that 50,000 motor vehicles have been converted to the use of wood-burning engines. At a recent industrial exhibition it was pointed out that production of 10,000 of these burners would require 50,000 days of work. At least 10,000 drivers are kept busy as well as repair mechanics. In one year, Swedish industrialists figure, 10,000 vehicles consume about 3,000,000 bushels of charcoal or finely cut wood which require 1,000,000 days of work for chopping and charring. Distribution requires at least 13,000,000 special paper bags, and this keeps several pulp and paper mills busy.

Britain's Powerful New Bomb

British accounts of the bombing of the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have disclosed the use of a new "armour-piercing weapon, first successful penetration bomb of the war."

Military experts believe, however, that the British have devised a heavier-bodied bomb which is capable of penetrating at least five inches of armour plate. It is understood to use a new steel alloy, and the British themselves have reported it as using a new and more intensive explosive.

The bomb is designed to reach its maximum velocity after a drop of 2,000 feet which permits dive bombing from comparatively accurate heights. Added details are still awaited, however, in view of the British reports of successes with the new bomb against the German battleship at Brest, which are protected with a deck armour of six inches.

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Queen Wilhelmina Favours Assistance To Soviets

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, broadcasting, said: "We are full of compassion for the Russian people who have a terrible ordeal."

To-day, it is Russia but we know that to-morrow or the day after, those mighty bulwarks of our civilisation and principles which are holy to us, the British Empire and the United States, will have to withstand the main might of Hitler's war machine.

"For this reason, when circumstances may lead to this, we shall fight by the side of the Russian people. We shall do this, remaining faithful to our viewpoint in respect of Bolshevism which is the result of our principles, for we may never forget that we reject absolutely the principles and practices of Bolshevism."

Tribute To Empire
Queen Wilhelmina paid tribute to the "firm, courageous attitude and wide statesmanship displayed by the British Empire towards this new conflict."

She said, "They, like the United States, will never tolerate a wedge being driven between our mutual co-operation for freedom and justice by Hitler's treacherous policy or that a slackening should occur in the world-wide co-ordinated effort to bring about a victory of our arms."

LATE NEWS

Soviets 400-Mile Air Raid

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after terrible fighting destroyed 100 Soviet tanks in one section of the eastern front but the time and location were not specified.

Tough Resistance
Despite tough enemy resistance, the German army through its incomparable infantry and storm troops supported by pioneers and artillery units as well as panzer forces, has deeply penetrated a Russian border position. The agency claimed that German losses were unusually small during these battles.

The announcement added that the Luftwaffe dispersed Soviet armoured forces which had been placed ready for battle.

A report from Helsinki says that German troops are now only a few miles from the Lithuanian border after occupying the city of Stavial which is the last Lithuanian city on the main highway towards Riga. They are expected to cross the Lithuanian border to-day.

French Warships Attacked

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of the Mediterranean Fleet are giving continuous and active assistance to the advance of our armies along the coast of Syria by carrying out bombardments of military objectives at strong points of resistance.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, two Vichy destroyers attempted to interfere with our operations. They were at once heavily engaged by our ships and both were seen to be hit several times before they retired under cover of a smoke-screen to the shelter of their shore batteries.

"At least one other destroyer of the Chevalier Paul class, which had been operating against us in Syrian waters, had already been hit and almost certainly sunk by torpedoes from naval aircraft.

"Naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli (Syria) and on warships and shipping in these ports. Throughout the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, our submarines continued to inflict losses on the enemy. A supply ship in convoy has been sunk, and a successful attack has been made on a large Italian liner of about 20,000 tons. This ship was hit by two torpedoes.

"A message has been sent to the C-in-C of the Mediterranean asking him to convey the congratulations of the Board of the Admiralty to our submarines on their increasingly successful operations."

Russian Fleet Moves

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, June 24 (UP).—Well informed military quarters to-day asserted that numerous units of the Russian fleet including destroyers and submarines left the harbours for sea after German planes had heavily bombed Odessa and other Black Sea harbours.

An unconfirmed report states that many of the Russian craft were pursued and heavily bombed. The action was believed to have taken place near the Rumanian and Bulgarian coasts.

Russian Destroyer Hits Mine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that a Red destroyer in the Eastern Baltic hit a mine and sank to-day.

Admiral's Wife On Trial

Dr Christabel Sybil Nicholson, 50, wife of Admiral Wilmot Stuart Nicholson, who was chief of the British submarine service from 1923 to 1925, was acquitted in a closed trial at Old Bailey recently of a charge that she obtained and recorded information which might be useful to the enemy.

According to the prison docket, she had been detained since May, 1940.

Unrest secrecy was maintained during the five-day trial, with the court windows screened and all doors locked. It was only disclosed that Dr Nicholson, tall and fair-haired, was accused of a four-count indictment. She formerly was a house physician at Charing Cross Hospital.

She and Admiral Nicholson were married in 1934, four years after his retirement at 65. Throughout the trial he was constantly in court.

UNFIT FOR WORK Fined £10

Two process workers who through drink were unable to work, were fined £10 each at Manchester. The men, Joseph Willis of Stanley Street, Gorton, and John Gough of Hassop Street, Beswick, were accused of having done "acts calculated to interfere with the performance of their work by persons engaged in work of national service."

Finnish-Russo Relations Said Almost Normal

HELSINKI, June 24 (Reuter).—Only attack from without can induce Finland to abandon her neutrality, a Finnish Foreign Office spokesman declared to-day. "We are remaining so until shots fired across the frontier, and other incidents concerning which the foreign minister has verbally protested to the Soviet Minister." The latter has promised to obtain explanations.

Communications between Finland and Russia are almost normal. The telegraph is working although with less regularity, and rail communications are unchanged.

Russian transit across the Gulf of Finland between the Soviet and Hango continues as usual.

Commons And Lords Debate Support

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our labours are lessened. Nothing is further from the truth.

He was glad that Mr Eden insisted that we should clear our minds of prejudice against the internal form of government in Russia. Our purpose now should be to root out this evil thing and to destroy, these outlaws who disregard solemn pacts and agreements and see that peace is restored to a troubled Europe.

The former War Minister, Mr Leslie Bellshill, thought that the latest development could be regarded with qualified satisfaction. The efforts of Germany against us are momentarily distracted and whatever the outcome of the conflict, there will be a great consumption of German war material.

Stopped in Black Sea

The most satisfactory way of helping Russia will be through the Black Sea, but unfortunately at the moment, the German hold on Greece and Crete, and the Aegean Islands commanding the approaches through the Dardanelles is a great disadvantage to British sea power.

It is to do not assist Turkey, that country will be used as an avenue for achievement of Germany's ambitions in Asia and in attacking our interests and our Egyptian position. One means of sustaining Turkey will be in expediting the conclusion of our Syrian campaign. It is urgent to take measures in a military sphere which will reassure Turkey.

Support For Hitler

Let us realise the subtlety of this Hitlerian move—whether made from wild desperation or methodical calculation. It carries the support of some other countries by its special appeal. It does carry Marshal Petain, the whole basis of whose government is anti-Communism. It will help to carry General Franco. But all these are long-term facts. We have as the result of this got a respite and "I pray that Parliament will use it to the full."

The Conservative Member, the Earl of Winterton, thought that the situation between Britain and Turkey should be clarified. He had a great admiration for the Turks and admitted that their difficulties were enormous, but the time had passed when any country of the importance and dignity of Turkey could be in the position she was to-day.

What A Remark!

Soon or later she has to declare which side she is on.

Mr Churchill interjected, "What a remark to make!"

Lord Winterton, however, declared that Turkey had signed a treaty with Britain's greatest enemy and asked, "How can you be mutually friendly with two enemies such as Germany and us?"

Mr Churchill again intervened to say, "It would not be in the public interest for the discussion to continue on these lines. We should not seek to probe and define too clearly the attitude of certain Powers surrounded by very great difficulties who may not wish or be in a position to declare themselves."

Communist Member

Much general interest was evinced when Britain's only Communist member, Mr William Gallagher, who has been persistently critical of the Government, rose to speak.

Mr Gallagher declared that with the war which is being waged against the Soviet Union, it may be said that in a very short space of time there has been a considerable shifting of attitude (Laughter).

"I shall not be the only one that will do the shifting."

"When I read the Prime Minister's Sunday-night speech, I must admit that I was agreeably surprised that he had gone as far as he had, but even then he did not go far enough (Laughter)."

Against Sell-Out

"I have always been against a 'sell-out' because it would be a betrayal not only of this country but of Europe. It is essential that we should have a government that could give the most complete and active co-operation with the Soviet Union in the great task ahead."

Replies to a query by another member whether Communists now propose to give the nation's war effort every support, Mr Gallagher denied that Communists are delaying production and declared that any hold-up was the responsibility of the Government and employers.

House of Lords

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Like the House of Commons, the House of Lords to-day debated British policy towards Russia.

Lord Cranborne, Secretary for the Dominions, made a brief statement on similar lines to Mr Eden's and declared that Britain and Russia are poles apart in matters of policies and religion, but they have common interest in facing a ruthless foe and are the object of the same insatiable ambition.

To ignore that would be folly.

Of the progress of the struggle, he could tell little. Both sides had issued communiques, but they tell little.

Labour Peer

The Labour peer, Lord Addison, predicted that Hitler's insidious propaganda would be directed to posing as the champion of Christendom but the widespread horrors for which Hitler is responsible would keep our objective clearly defined.

The Liberal, Viscount Samuel, recalled that in the last war Britain rallied to Russia although there was a profound disapproval of Tsarism. It would be the greatest error if either Britain or the United States relaxed their efforts now that Germany was embroiled "with Russia because it was possible that Germany would be stronger than at the beginning on account of added resources of oil and other supplies."

Slovaks Raise Laugh

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—According to a Bratislava dispatch from the official German news agency, the Slovakian army has joined the Germans in the defence of European culture.

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FRENCH WARSHIPS ATTACKED

20,000-Ton Italian Liner Torpedoed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué states that the British fleet and air arm operating off the coast of Syria shelled and torpedoed at least three Vichy destroyers yesterday morning.

Italian Liner Sunk
The Admiralty claimed that submarines, operating in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, torpedoed a 20,000-ton Italian liner and sunk an enemy supply ship.

The communiqué added, "naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripolis, as well as ships and shipping in those ports."

R. N. Activity
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué states, "Units

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BRITAIN'S WAR BILL

£10,250,000 Per Day
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lease and Lend enactment, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.

The House of Commons to-day, without division, voted £1,000,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.

Investors' Contributions
Britain's foreign expenditure had naturally fallen but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week.

A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

Sea Battle Off South Sweden Reported

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—Vigorous detonations which are believed to be the result of gunfire and aerial bombardments were heard last night and this morning off the Swedish south coast, particularly the Island of Gotland, and as far as Stockholm.

It is believed a naval battle is in progress.

South of Helsinki

NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—A sea battle south of Helsinki is reported in the Swedish newspaper "Alehandra," according to a Stockholm despatch. "Gulfra has been

STRONG SOVIET RESISTANCE ADMITTED BY THE GERMANS

Big Air Battle And Sea Fight Reported

ANKARA, JUNE 24 (REUTER).—A SEA FIGHT IS REPORTED TO BE GOING ON OFF THE BULGARIAN COAST (BLACK SEA), ACCORDING TO RUMOURS FROM VARNA. SOVIET CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES ARE SAID TO BE FIGHTING GERMAN AIRCRAFT, BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION. THE GERMANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE MINED THE BULGARIAN AND RUMANIAN COAST, BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT A NARROW CHANNEL AT THE MOUTH OF THE BOSPHORUS UNMINED.

Axis sources here admit that the Germans are meeting very strong opposition in Bukovina and state that the Russians are not fighting a defensive battle but are attacking.

Russian sources tell of a huge air battle all along the front with the Soviets holding their own.

Reports from Bucharest state that a Rumanian column from Galatz advanced eight kilometres towards Tarutin, due south of Kishinev.

SOVIETS 400-MILE AIR RAID

Selected Targets Attacked

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, June 24 (UP).—The Moscow press to-night gave but brief accounts of the activities of the Red army. However one report stated that Red troops "somewhere in a western military district" had repulsed a German attack.

Dispatches also stated that a squadron of the Soviet air fleet had raided German territory about 400 miles from their base. Bombers and fighters had attacked selected targets and had also shot down German intercepting planes.

These brief accounts are the only reports of actual fighting published in addition to the High Command communiqué.

German Report

BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency, quoting informed German military sources, to-day states that according to all available reports it is obvious that the great offensive movement by Germany has not yet been halted by the Soviet troops.

Quoting competent quarters, the official news agency asserted that German units yesterday, after breaking through the Soviet frontier positions, met a Soviet division which was wiped out, adding, "It collapsed under German fire before it could place itself properly for battle with the German troops."

One German storm detachment in an unoccupied sector of the German-Soviet front during a comparatively brief hand to hand encounter, killed several hundred and captured several thousand Soviet soldiers.

German army units penetrated deeply into a Soviet position and TURN to Back Page, Column 5

MOSCOW TESTS ITS DEFENCES

First Air Alert

MOSCOW, June 24 (Reuter).—The city's first air raid alert lasted from 3 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. but it was later officially announced that in spite of heavy and light anti-aircraft barrage and the sound of shell bursts, this was just "realism" and that the whole affair was a test of A.R.P. precautions.

The population went quickly to the shelters while wardens and other defence personnel went to their stations and posts, and lorries distributed fire-fighting material.

At this period of the year, the Moscow sky is dark for only a very short time and the sky was already clear when "pilots" flew over and the sky was dotted with red and black bursts as the ground defences went into action. Observers noted the effect of the test.

Baku Oil Fields On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—A vast army of workers in the Baku oil fields have been placed on war footing since the beginning of hostilities, states the Moscow radio.

LATEST

\$50,000 GIFT TO BOMBER FUND

A munificent donation of \$50,000 to the Bomber Fund was received this morning from Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

This is the second gift of \$50,000 made to the fund by this company.

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augurated a year ago, Messrs Jardine, Matheson were among the first contributors to the fund.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT

GERMAN AIRCRAFT ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BOMBED TALLIN, HELSINKI, AND OTHER FINNISH COASTAL TOWNS, HAVE HEARD SILENT EXPLOSIONS FROM THE DIRECTION OF ESTONIAN AIRCRAFT IN THE BALTIC. SMOKE AND EXPLOSIONS ARE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SEEN ALONG THE ESTONIAN COAST.

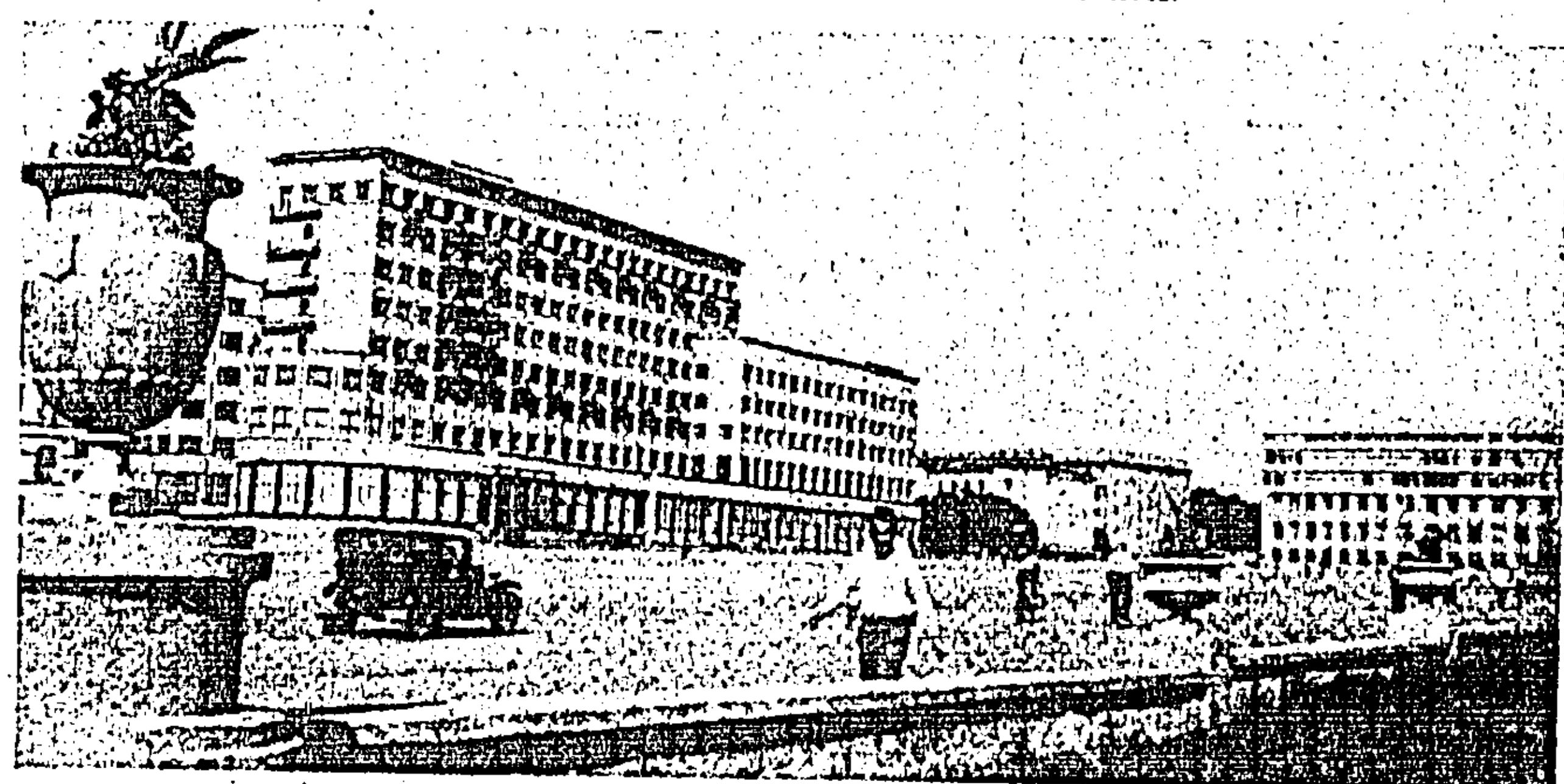
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Another Soviet Key City

Amongst the Soviet Ukraine key cities is Kharkov, created since the revolution, which is the tractor-building centre of the Ukraine. Capture of this place is among the more important German military objectives.



Commons and Lords Debate British Support For Russia

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Mr H. G. Lees-Smith, Leader of the Opposition, who followed Mr Anthony Eden in the House of Commons debate, declared that if Hitler imagined that by this act he would be regarded by any party or quarter in this country or the United States as a crusader against Communism, he under-estimated our intelligence. (Cheers).

His last act on Sunday morning merely means that owing to the increased forces which we now have in this country, Hitler has realised that he must defeat Russia and release the great air force and 100 divisions from the Russian border before the final assault on this country.

"Before Mr Eden spoke, I was apprehensive lest this country might allow political pre-possessions to interfere with full strategic co-operation and I was relieved by the statement that the differences of political system did not allow us to obscure the realism of the situation," he went on.

"The realities of the situation are that Hitler is now fighting a war on two fronts."

"Perhaps the most important statement the Foreign Secretary made was that a military and economic mission is about to proceed to Russia."

"Germany can never conquer Russia if Russia has the same spirit of resistance to-day that she had against Napoleon."

"Hitler, after next winter, will be faced with this situation: he will TURN to Back Page, Column 3

R.A.F. Continues Channel Raids

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The unchallenged Royal Air Force carried out their first big offensive sweep of the day early this evening over northern France.

People in south coast towns heard the roar of bombers flying out to sea and violent explosions from beyond the curtain of haze in mid channel. The explosions lasted for nearly half an hour.

While the attack was in progress strong forces of British fighters swept up and down the Channel on the lookout for German fighters but none appeared to approach the English Channel.

Nazis Feel Blows

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that the Germans are undertaking a large-scale evacuation of German civilians and administration officials to Norway to seek rest from the relentless British bombing of Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other north German towns, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

In the last few days, the Germans have requisitioned thousands of flats and houses in Oslo and the surrounding districts, and also in Trondheim and some towns and villages in inland parts of the west coast.

SIEGE OF PALMYRA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—An official dispatch from Beirut states that Palmyra has been wholly encircled and that a siege has begun.

The British fleet resumed the shelling of Damour, south of Beirut.

After consolidating at Damascus and naming General Legentilhomme as Governor, the British and Free French troops broke through the French defence line north and west of the capital, the two columns progressing towards Rayak, Beirut and Homs.

No Raids On Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—A joint communiqué issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to 8 p.m., adding, "one enemy bomber was destroyed in a small attack on this country last night."

Vichy Planes Destroyed: Widespread Syria Raids

CAIRO, June 24 (Reuter).—The destruction of eight Vichy aircraft on the ground, and damage to a very large number of others during raids on Syria are announced in a Royal Air Force communiqué issued this evening.

A number of hits on flying boats at Syracuse and the discovery of 15 burnt-out Italian aircraft at Jimma, Abyssinia, are other highlights.

"Syria: Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Australian Air Force were active in Syria yesterday. A

large force machine-gunned an aerodrome at Baalbek, Tafila and Rayak, destroying eight Vichy aircraft on the ground. A very large number of others were damaged and another was attacked and severely damaged in the air."

Aerodrome Attacked

"A squadron of the A.A.F. carried out a machine-gun attack on an aerodrome near Home. One hangar and a number of other buildings were burnt out, several motor transport vehicles were damaged and one Vichy Glenn Martin was destroyed on the ground."

"Western Desert: Cyrenaica: The harbour of Bengasi and an enemy transport in the same area were bombed on Sunday night."

"Abyssinia: Eleven Caproni aircraft and four C.R. 22's were found burnt out when our troops entered Jimma."

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8. All photographs submitted, sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

9. No picture to be entered in more than one Section.

10. Pictures, either black or cream, must be one of the following sizes—10x12, 15x20.

11. No correspondence will be entered in connection with the Competition.

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13. The decision of the Judges shall be final.

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KENYA MURDER TRIAL EVIDENCE

NAIROBI, June 24 (Reuter).—The question whether bullets found by the Police at the farm where Sir Delves Broughton practised with a revolver and the bullets fired at Lord Erroll were from the same or different weapons was discussed at the resumption of the trial of the baronet on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll to-day.

Captain Thomas William Overton, an army small arms expert called for the defence, had previously expressed conviction that the bullets were from different weapons and not, as government witnesses had stated, from the same weapon. Now, replying to the judge, he said that he would not swear that there were no "true characters" on the bullets used in the crime which were not on the bullets found at the farm. He admitted that he had not used a microscope in his investigation.

Court Adjourns

At the Crown's request, Captain Overton used the Government Chemist's microscope to examine the bullets, the Court adjourning for the purpose.

Captain Overton asked the assistance of the Government Chemist and a police officer with the microscope. Later he said that his examination confirmed his previous evidence.

In the afternoon, Captain Overton withdrew his former criticism of the Crown's bullet photographs.

Hitler Has Lost War Says Benes

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Hitler's "mistake" in invading Russia has removed the spectre of a Nazi victory and has decided the issue of the war, declared Dr Edvard Benes, President of the Czechoslovak Republic, broadcasting to the Czechoslovak nation to-night.

Dr Benes compared the Germans' action to the howling and raving of a wild beast in a powerless rage.

Hess Had Mission

For the past six months, he said, the Germans knew that they could not defeat Britain and debated among themselves what they ought to do. These disputes led to the flight of Rudolf Hess who, because of previous contact with British circles, believed that he could persuade the British to stop the war, which could only lead to German defeat.

German leaders were particularly anxious to end the war and intended to attack Russia after Britain had been defeated.

RUSSIAN ASSETS IN U. S. FREED

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—The Treasury has lifted the restrictions from Russian money assets in the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Henry Morgenthau, signed the order at the request of the State Department and after consulting the Department of Justice.

The action in effect reverses President Roosevelt's order of June 14 freezing all Russian assets in America. It is apparently the first concrete step to aid the Soviet against Germany. The freezing of the assets will make them available to buy war materials in the United States or elsewhere.

All Possible Aid

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has declared "all possible aid to Russia."

Diplomatic Changes

New Envoy To Brazil

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, former Minister in Belgrade, has been appointed Minister in Washington in succession to Sir Gerald Campbell, who was recently made Director-General of Information in the United States.

Sir Noel Hughes Havelock Charles is appointed Ambassador to Rio de Janeiro in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.

Sir Noel Charles is made a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George on his appointment.

TRAWLER GETS NAZI PLANE

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An enemy aircraft which attacked British mine-sweepers yesterday was destroyed by the naval trawler Solon, says the Admiralty.

During the engagement, the trawler Nogi was damaged by a bomb and was taken in tow by the Solon and another trawler, but subsequently sank.

British casualties were three wounded.

Calling Up Of New Zealanders

WELLINGTON, June 24 (Reuter).—A further territorial call-up involves 18-year-olds and those who have become 19 or 41 since the last territorial gazette.

A similar call-up will be made again in about a month, bringing in 18, 19 and 41-year-old men.

The age limit for overseas service is 21 to 40.

WISHFUL THINKING BY NAZIS

Reverse Recent Air Losses

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The German Army's operations have proceeded very satisfactory according to plan."

This is the only reference to the Russian campaign contained in a German High Command communiqué.

It proceeds to say that British aircraft attempted a daylight sweep over occupied territory in which the enemy lost 22 aircraft compared with Germany's three.

(It is remarked in London that the German habit of reversing the figures of aerial losses reflects the anxiety of the Wilhelmstrasse to divert German attention from the unpleasant fact that Germany now faces a campaign on two fronts.)

Big Guns

The communiqué records that a German long-range battery shelled British shipping in the English Channel.

During Monday night, German aircraft bombed harbour installations in the Thames Estuary and also southeast England, causing large fires.

British bombers on Monday night dropped a small number of high explosive incendiary bombs in northwestern Germany, hitting residential buildings and killing and wounding several civilians. The enemy lost three aircraft in these operations in which a German night fighter claims to have registered its 200th night victory.

A.F.S. Code Of Conduct Objection

A code of conduct for 24,000 men and women in the A.F.S. which would inflict fines up to £6 10s. for disobedience and impose extra hours of duty for other offences was to have been approved by the L.C.C.

The Civil Defence and General Purposes Committee had the plan ready. But the Fire Brigades Union, criticising the code as "needlessly harsh," and preparing to wage "a fierce fight against this Draconian measure," met certain members of the council, told them the union had not been consulted, and an elementary right was at stake.

So before the council met members went into a behind-the-scenes huddle. And when the item on the committee's agenda was reached during the meeting the chairman announced it had been decided to refer the matter back.

Unions Called In

In other parts of the country A.F.S. men may appeal to committee of councilors when they consider they have been unjustly punished.

The L.C.C. considered this procedure "cumbersome, if not unworkable," and proposed setting up a headquarters board, consisting of principal officers of the London Fire Service. The final appeal was to be with the chief officer himself.

Dracon codified the laws of Athens in the seventh century B.C. For nearly all crimes the penalty was death.

Visitors To Gaimusho

TOKYO, June 24 (Reuter).—The Soviet and Italian Ambassadors called on the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, separately this afternoon. Each remained for half an hour.

SIX REASONS WHY HUSBANDS LEAVE HOME

The number of American husbands who deserted their wives last year totalled to 71,500. They gave six main reasons, according to Dean G. Harvey, of the Temple University Law School, of Philadelphia, viz.: Wives talked too much about their operations;

Came down to breakfast in curlers and negligees;

Told in detail of children's infirmities;

Tried to keep up with the Joneses;

Were too critical;

Had no sense of humour.

He made these disclosures at a women's club luncheon — among whose members listening was his wife.

Bucharest Alert

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Bucharest had a 20-minute air raid alarm at 6.40 p.m. to-day, says a message to the German official news agency.



"ELECTRIC WHISKERS"—General Annabilo Borgonzoli, "Electric Whiskers," Italian commando who hiked across desert after British captured Bardia, Libya, recuperating in unidentified British hospital.

Pool Trade Problems, Says U.S. Expert

Closer economic unity between Britain and the U.S. is advocated by Mr T. D. Campbell, President Roosevelt's agricultural adviser, who is visiting England.

He suggests a commission representing every industry to study distribution of products of Great Britain, the Empire and the United States.

"I am ready to recommend that we should keep out of the English wheat market and leave it to Canada," he said.

"That would enable Canada to buy more from us."

Women Drive Better

He said he might be of some use in suggesting to British agriculturists the fuller use of machinery and other American farming equipment.

Mr Campbell went on: "I was delighted to see so many women doing satisfactory work in the factories."

"I maintain that women can drive tractors better than men. They obey instructions more carefully and look after their machines better."

Dogs Help Our War Chest

The bulldog, national emblem of Britain, is now proving a valuable source of funds for Britain's war chest.

He was one of many breeds of dogs exported from the United Kingdom last year. Over 500 were shipped abroad, their value totalling over £25,000.

Britain, the acknowledged dog-breeding centre of the world, shipped nearly all the popular breeds last year. The animals ranged in value from £10 to £1,000 each, and included such dogs as the terriers—fox, bull, Cairn, Airedale and Kerry Blue—as well as pointers, setters, English springers, elkhounds, greyhounds and big dogs like the Great Dane and mastiff.

Despite German boasts of U-boat sinkings only £20 was paid out by insurance underwriters during the year for dogs lost at sea by enemy action.

Windsor Castle Allotments

At the King's suggestion, lodge keepers on Windsor Castle estate have each been given a strip of ground in the Royal Gardens to cultivate sufficient vegetables for their family needs throughout the year.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret have converted into vegetable gardens the flower beds they themselves cultivated, and are now growing, among other produce, onions and carrots.

Crashed Pilot, Chased by Nazis, Sprints to Liberty

A Hurricane pilot who was shot down in No Man's Land, between German and Anglo-Greek lines, and reported missing, is safely back with his squadron.

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After an exchange of shots the Germans withdrew.

He was hunted by a German advanced patrol who saw him come down, and ran three miles over rough ground before he was rescued by an Australian patrol.

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Around The Courses

Advised Preservation Of Equipment And Balls

Possible Shortage Of Sports Materials
Rust And Rot Of Clubs

(By "Birdie")

THE TIMELY but not altogether gloomy warning forecast of Mr. F. Miller, sports manager of one of Australia's biggest firms, that the effect of a long war will be a shortage in sports materials was printed on this page on Monday, and it certainly wouldn't do any harm for people in Hongkong and the Far East to pay just a little attention to the words that have been written.

Particularly so in the tropics, damage through rust to steel shafted clubs takes quite a toll on equipment. Only recently I saw two such shafted clubs snap in the hands of the wielders in the act of hitting.

The weather we are having at the moment is highly destructive. There is first the rain, then condensation and thirdly perspiration. All three soak through the leather grips and when they have wrought their damage on the club shaft and it snaps, the condition of the steel is an amazing revelation. Even without the rain, the second two sources are sufficient to create havoc.

A glance at such a broken shaft is enough to galvanise one into more serious preservation of one's clubs.

Perhaps the principle fault in the manufacture is that the shafts are not chromium plated the whole length, but only from the neck to the beginning of the grip. Underneath the grip is just plain, unprotected, metal.

This is one solution to the problem, the second is one of castor oil and methylated spirit. The main use of this is to preserve the tackiness of the leather, ensuring a better hold, but it also helps to keep moisture from reaching through to the steel.

Another source of damage to clubs is the rotting of the wooden heads. It is thus all the more imperative that clubs should be oiled after use, even the irons. Caddies, I know, are supposed to perform this duty, but the more careful player will give it his personal attention.

The junction of the head to the shaft is a vulnerable spot. Steel can be attacked through here, and the danger of snapping, especially with irons, cannot be minimised.

About golf, Mr. Miller said: "Restriction on imports of steel tubing and heavy local demands may stop the manufacture of golf clubs in a year or so. Used motor tyres may be boiled down to make, not the present type, but a solid gutta-percha ball with only one-third the driving distance."

These words of wisdom, and it should not be surprising if, especially with regard to imported

Chinese Tourists Beat Sth Australia

ADELAIDE, June 24 (UP)—The Chinese touring soccer team beat South Australia 4-1 to-day.

clubs, there should be a scarcity in Hongkong before long.

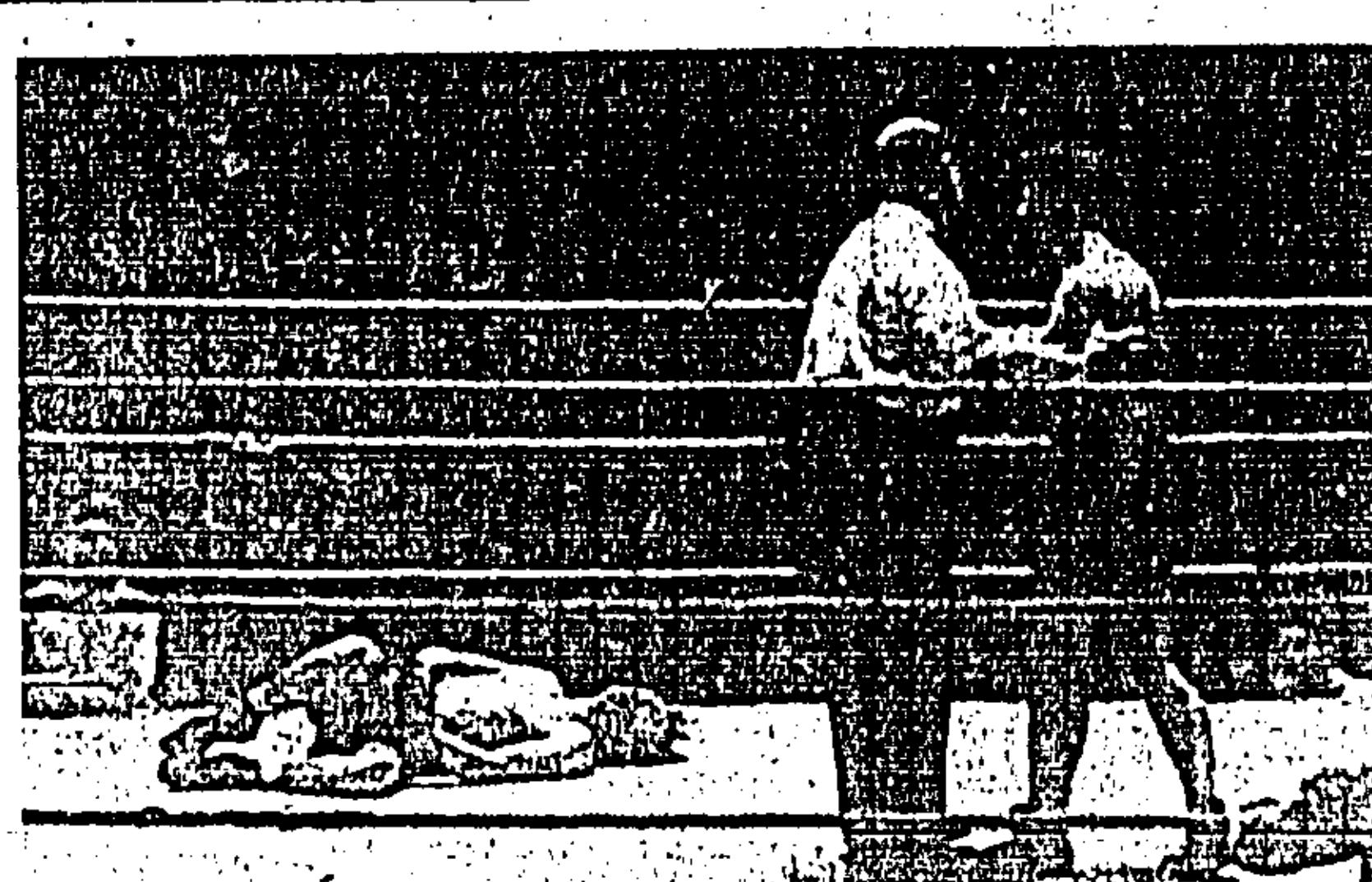
ONE of the finest drainage systems that could be installed on a golf course is that of trees. But the trouble with most of our courses here is that they were once paddi-fields and the clay content of the soil prevents the water from sinking through.

This is especially so at the Country Club, Sheungshui, and the only way out there is the digging of ditches. The first fairway at Kowloon is a real teaser for the Course Committee, and even at the moment there are extensive operations in progress to take away the rain that has settled there.

But whatever drawbacks the rain may have had on that fairway, it has certainly done some good on the fifth where lizards—tree-lizards, I am told, who are called, though there aren't any trees for quite some distance around—have burrowed their way into the comparatively sandy ground and have tossed out their diggings on to the surface.

These lizards, seen through a big magnifying glass, would present an awe-inspiring spectacle, for they are miniatures of the great reptiles of prehistoric ages. They are, in fact, similar to those used in the making of the film "One Million B.C."

Picturesque as they may be, they are nevertheless a great pest on a golf course. They have an aversion for water, and the recent rains have either kept them away or drowned them. I doubt if the latter cause is



The final scene of the disappointing Eric Boon-Kid Berg bout in London recently. Berg (on the canvas) won on a foul.

Lawn Bowls Pairs

Leonard & Ward Beat Phillips And McKelvie

Two Matches Yesterday

TWO MATCHES in the Lawn Bowls Pairs Open Championship were played yesterday, the more exciting of the two being that in which J. W. Leonard and W. Ward, of Craigengower, eliminated R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie, Kowloon B.G.C., 16-14 at the Kowloon F.C.

At the Civil Service C.C., C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto beat F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs 21-13.

Leonard and Ward scored on 13 of the 21 heads at the Kowloon F.C., but in their eight heads, Phillips and McKelvie

correct, however, for past rains have not resulted in their extinction.

MOST people who play golf find it one of the most difficult and tantalising of games. But there is at least one man who will not play the game because it is "too easy," says Leonard.

Sacha Guitry, the French actor, went to Eilan to take the waters and play golf. He bought a complete outfit, including gloves and umbrella, from the professional and went out for his first lesson.

After a few demonstrations from the pro, he drove his first shot well over a bunker about 200 yards down the fairway. He repeated the performance a second and third time, threw away the driver and walked off the tee, remarking: "This game is childish, too easy for me." He never came back either to play or for his clubs!

included a 5 which was recorded on the 9th end.

The Craigengower pair opened the scoring in the shuttle struggle, but on the 8th head, the totals were level, 6-all. With their five on the succeeding head, Phillips and McKelvie took an 11-6 lead, but the Craigengower men figured in a run of 1, 1, 2, 1 to level off again at 11-all.

Each side scored singles alternately over the following four ends, bringing the score to 13-all at the 17th. But with a run of three singles Leonard and Ward were in front 16-13 on the 20th.

Phillips and McKelvie could not improve on a single for the final head, and Leonard and Ward entered the next round.

Win For Bastos

C. H. AND J. J. BASTO had little difficulty against F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs at the Civil Service C. C. green. The Recreco combination opened with a 4 and followed this with 2, 1, 1, 3 to lead 11-0 before the opposition registered a 2.

This lead was increased to 14-4 on the 8th and score at the 12th read 15-7.

Over the last nine heads, Hill and Higgs scored on six but in singles while on the three ends in their favour the Basto brothers registered 2 on the 14th, 1 on the 16th and finished off the game with 3 on the last head.

To-day's Match

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, last year's champions, to-day engage A. Hyde Lay and J. N. Wong at the Kowloon F. C. It will be a good game to watch though the odds are in the holders' favour.

League Tennis

Craigengower Trounce C.B.A. In "D" Division

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. trounced Central British Association 8-1 in a "D" Division tennis match played at Happy Valley yesterday.

D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley were the only visiting pair to win a set. K. M. Au and C. M. Lee (C.C.) won all three sets with the loss of only three games.

Scores were: K. M. Au and C. M. Lee (C.C.) beat B. I. Blackford and T. Gaubert 6-1; beat D. T. Smith and N. B. M. Whitley 6-1; beat D. Tomashevsky and D. Fittinghoff 6-1.

Y. G. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.) beat Blackford and Gaubert 6-2; beat Smith and Whitley 6-3; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

T. K. Lien and P. C. Yu (C.C.) beat Blackford and Gaubert 6-1; lost to Smith and Whitley 5-7; beat Tomashevsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

Sunday Cricket At University

THE UNIVERSITY commence on their Sunday cricket programme this week-end when they meet a team from the Queen Mary Hospital at Pokfulam at 8 a.m.

The University team has not yet been chosen, but the Hospital will be represented by Dr. H. L. Ozorio (Capt.), E. V. Hopkinson, S. Bentley, Dr. E. L. Gosano, J. F. MacGowan, Dr. Haynes, Dr. Lyle, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. Mahan Singh.

This follows complaints by players

Nazi Methods Of Gaining Information

Famed Polish Athlete Tortured To Death

LONDON, June 17 (Reuter)—Janusz Kusocinski, famous Polish long-distance runner, who won the 10,000 metres' championship in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo, according to news reaching Polish circles here.

Kusocinski, like hundreds of other prominent citizens, was charged by the Germans of being connected with anti-German underground activities. Although lucking proof, the Gestapo determined to extract information from Kusocinski, and tortured him for several months before killing him.

They first broke his legs which brought him many athletic victories in various parts of the world, and during the second investigation they broke his left arm and damaged his right eye.

Later Kusocinski was thrown into a dark dungeon practically without food and water and was periodically subjected to fresh tortures.

Broken Man

A fellow prisoner who saw the famous athlete at this stage said that he looked like a broken old man with his long white beard and was practically blind and dumb.

Kusocinski died later and his name has been added to the long list of martyred Polish patriots.

Throughout the ordeal Kusocinski refused to utter one word of value to the enemy.

Water-Polo

Navy "A" Beaten 6-0 By Middlesex "A"

SIX games in the water-polo tournament were held yesterday, the biggest upset being Navy A's defeat by Middlesex A.

Navy A were very closely marked by Middlesex A at the Y.M.C.A. and consequently their forwards were unable to manoeuvre for goals. Middlesex forwards made the most of their opportunities in the deep-end and their faster breakaways paved the way for goals. Blundon (3), Hymas (2) and Jennings scored.

An Upset

The 5th A.A. Regiment caused an upset when they beat 5th Coastal Regiment 4-0 in the A.A. pool, Yabeyi (2), Clarke and Wilson netting.

Win For Forst

Scots were unfortunate to be without A. A. W. Miller and Slater, who are on the side line when they met Y.M.C.A. The Civilians won 4-1. A. E. May (2), Goldman and Bean scoring for the winners, and Morris, a newcomer to the Scots who shows signs of promise, netting when Goldman was out of the water.

Signals Too Good

Signals proved much too good for Navy B who were without H. G. Thompson and were swamped 10-0. Dignan (2), Bedford (2), Hunt, Allen and McCann were the scorers.

Small Units Superior

Small Units proved much superior to Navy C, who were beaten 6-2. McDonald (2), Nicholls, Knightley and Thorley scored for the Small Units and Doherty and Wilson replied.

M'sex "B" Win 3-0

Middlesex B beat Scots B 3-0, Lomax, Radley and Peacock being the scorers.

German Tennis Star Killed

BERLIN, June 10 (UP)—Heinz Landmann, former German tennis champion, has been killed in action while serving as an officer. It was officially announced to-day. Details of his death were not divulged.

During his best years, Landmann scored victories over such internationalists as Vincent Richards of the United States, Bunny Austin of Britain, and Jack Crawford of Australia.

Clapton Orient Suspended

Clapton Orient F.C. has been suspended by the Football Association.

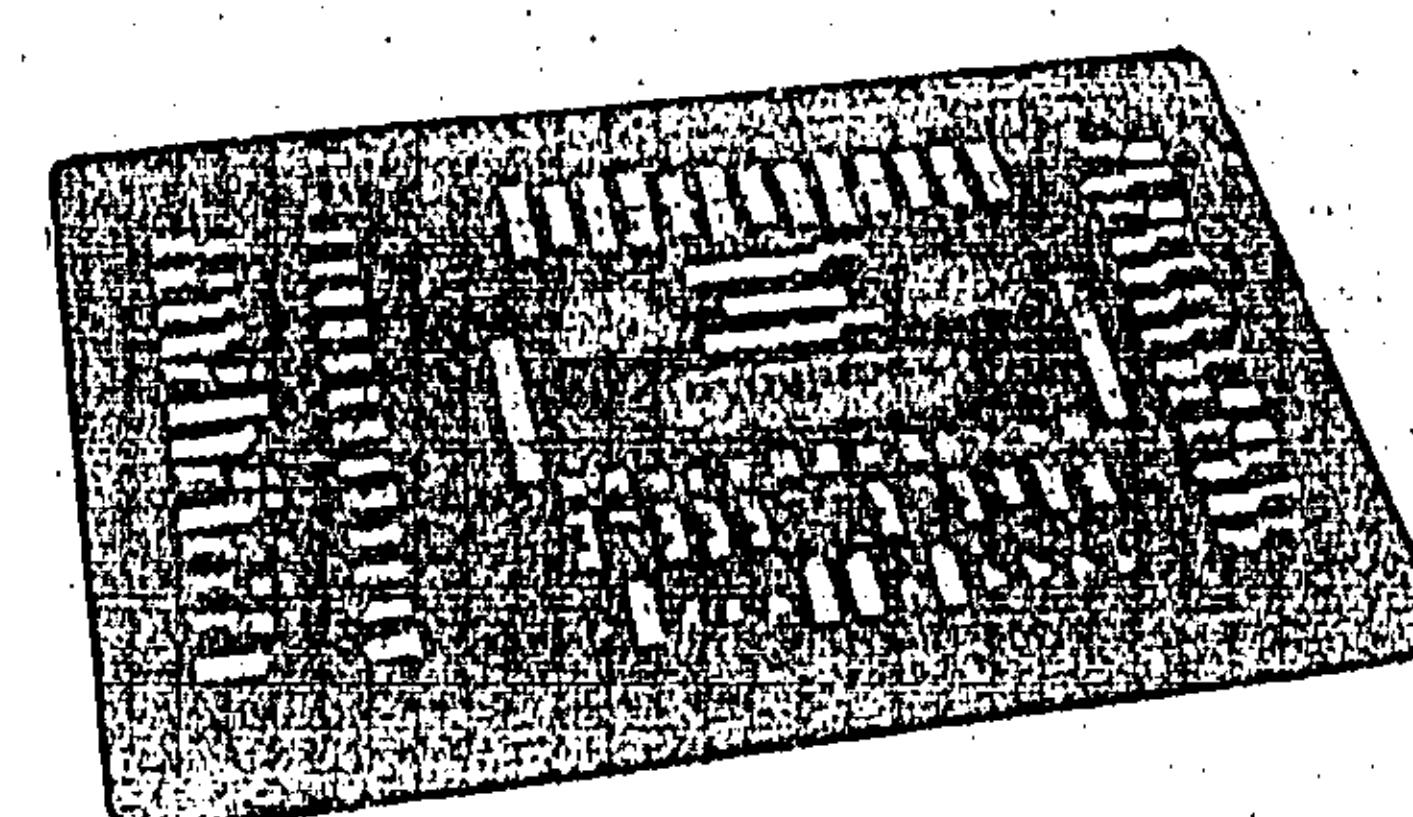
This follows complaints by players and others against the club in respect of moneys alleged to be due and of which the directors were invited but failed to offer an explanation within seven days.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

Dorothy Thompson's 10 Points For Democracy

Dorothy Thompson, the columnist, spoke up for an expanded form of democracy recently in a speech at a New York banquet honouring her "great services to democracy." The famous woman commentator declared it was not sufficient to fight for the American way of life because that way was not yet good enough.

Before an audience that included Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia and Wendell Willkie, Miss Thompson declared that democracy was the right form of government but that the people had no idea what it meant. Democracy fails to function, she said, because it "remains a concept and it's not expressed."

"If one act of people are told to fight for this way of life," she continued, "and another are told to conquer the world, the latter will win."

In her address Miss Thompson called for a revolution based upon "the individual person and based upon his desire to improve himself."

To accelerate this goal, she named her ten favourite points for self-development: Love, communal rights, equality, freedom, state ownership of wealth, work, co-operative action, non-materialism, social and moral purpose, and the equalisation of creative functions.

These items, she said, were the main points of her own "personal and social faith" summing up eighteen years of gradual, slow, dawning experience, plus the torrential outburst of the experience of the last two years.

Standing lonely on a dais in the crowded grand ballroom, Miss Thompson elaborated her theories of the better life.

Slaves To Machines

Miss Thompson said that men who are reduced to slavery by the machine age can hardly hope to realise just what democracy means. The basic essential of the new form of democracy must be that the personal life and social programme be identical.

Miss Thompson distributed copies of her ten articles of faith and asked her hearers to sign and return them. She promised to send them back a special ring made up of three rings locked together with a fourth "symbolising the loyal hope that this nation may be defended by the clasped hands of millions of brothers."

American Film Banned

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina—

The United States movie "Argentine Nights" was banned by municipal authorities after violent opening-night demonstrations against scenes purporting to show Argentine types and customs.

Police had to enter the theatre, one of the biggest in Buenos Aires, to quell the outburst.

"As long as Hollywood insists on seeing Argentina as an incredibly ridiculous tropical country," said "La Nacion's" movie editor, "no Pan-American understanding is possible, no matter how many goodwill travellers are sent here."

Million Go To Safer Homes

The Minister of Health, Mr Ernest Brown, told members of the National Baby Welfare Council at their annual meeting, in London recently, that 1,000,000 people, mothers and children had been moved from danger areas into homes in safer districts.

Some 70 per cent. of the children under five in the County of London had been evacuated, and the Ministry intended to do its utmost in the months ahead to get away the other 20 per cent.

Mr Brown appealed for trained children's nurses for nursery schools and day nurseries, and for the right kind of women to undertake child-minding under the Ministry of Labour schemes for employing married women.

Everyone's Happy—So Why Change?

GLENPOOL, Okla.—Glenpool, with a reputation for economy, hasn't had any election for 12 years.

"Everyone seems happy, so why should the officials file for re-election every year?" asks Mayor Floyd Vowell.

He says a City election would cost \$75 and unbalance the budget. An election hasn't been held since 1929, when Vowell was elected.

The town has a population of 384 and the City payroll is \$16. The City Treasurer is paid \$10 and the town clerk \$5. The Mayor serves without pay, as do the Councilmen and Police Chief.

Matches, Beer And Razor Blades

Ninety out of every 100 soldiers have no complaints against NAAFI, said Mr. L. C. Royle, the newly appointed chairman of the board of management. The other ten grumble about the lack of matches.

He has spent six weeks listening to complaints in the canteens. One of the chief problems, he said, was razor blades. They "couldn't get enough of them."

About the complaint that canteen beer was not up to standard, he said that supplies were drawn from local breweries. The chief difficulty was storage.

Japan Has Backed Wrong Horse, Says Ex-Envoy

Japan made the same mistake as Italy when she joined the Axis—she thought Britain and the Empire were "down and out," Sir Robert Clive, former British ambassador to Japan, told Vancouver Board of Trade transportation bureau recently.

"Japan may now feel she has backed the wrong horse," the tall, grey-haired diplomat said. "It is significant she is now putting out 'feelers' with a view to stopping the war with China."

A large and enthusiastic audience of civic officials and prominent business men listened enthralled, and applauded frequently as Sir Robert presented his views of Japanese expansion and Anglo-Japanese relations. In an address given under auspices of the Overseas League.

He declared Japan joined the Axis because, while Britain stood in the way of her economic expansion more than any other country, Germany did not.

"When Japanese trade began to develop after the Great War, she suddenly realized that Great Britain was in possession of places that were vital to her expansion needs."

"It was not a case of individual dislike because, as it happens, the British people as individuals have always got on well with the Japanese."

Developed Trade

At one time, Sir Robert said, the idea prevailed that Japan was a military and not a commercial race. Since then, by her vast development of the cotton industry, Japan had proved her capacity for developing trade on a big scale.

Japan was involved in the last war to such a small extent that immediately after hostilities ceased she was in a position to "forge ahead."

"After the war the Japanese got away to a flying start by sending arms to Russia, and from 1920 to 1930 developed an enormous trade in cotton goods, particularly in the Far East, during the slump in Lancashire."

Push Out White Man

Sir Robert showed how Japan had followed a colonial policy of "pushing out the white man's trade."

"This is directly contrary to the British policy of encouraging free trade in all her colonies. Hongkong and Singapore are fitting examples of this policy."

"In 1934 the Japanese made a claim which practically amounted to suzerainty over China. This was tested when Sir Frederick Leth Ross, a high treasury official, came out with the idea of somehow stabilizing the Chinese dollar."

"Japanese businessmen were quite in favour of that, but the military opposed it. The views of businessmen were practically identical because they always look at a problem from a practical economic point of view."

"The Japanese, by encouraging Korean gangsters to smuggle goods into North China under protection of the military, did their best to break down the Chinese customs service."

Britons Handicapped

"Goods were poured into Tientsin, which paid no customs duties at all, with the result that the English traders who paid their duties were completely handicapped."

When France collapsed in 1940, Sir Robert continued, Japan saw a marvellous opportunity for expansion in Indo-China by signing a pact with the Axis. After that she hoped to gain economic control in the Dutch East Indies.

"This was all part of the so-called 'New Order,' Sir Robert said. "In Japan during 1938 and 1939 they were always seizing on incidents to make trouble between different parts of the Empire. They also sent a goodwill mission to Australia, and later tried to force Australia to lower wool prices by boycotting sales and threatening to buy the wool from South Africa."

"Japan in an effort to make a commercial treaty with India favourable to themselves, the Japanese began boycotting India goods."

"This was partly a political move aimed at causing friction in different parts of the Empire."

"The unanimity of Empire countries in the present war effort shows that her policy in this respect has failed," Sir Robert declared.

100 Miles To Pay 2s 6d

An Army officer who gave his name as Lt. Harrington travelled more than 100 miles from the South of England to Kettering recently to repay a loan of 2s. 6d. on behalf of a dead soldier.

The soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, lost his life as a result of his duty. His dying wish was that the money be given to a member of the Kettering branch of the Royal British Legion. From H. from whom he borrowed it a year ago to get to Northampton.

Germans Squeal At Bayonets

Forty Germans routed by a British patrol of seven men during the enemy assault on our defence lines at Tobruk squealed at sight of British bayonets.

"When it comes to hand fighting the Germans are about on a par with the Italians," was the comment of one of the small British party.

"In a scrap where it's every man for himself they go all to pieces."

This is the story as told to a British United Press correspondent by the patrol leader, an Australian, a former commercial traveller from Sydney.

"We repulsed the fifth attack on our post by 300 German Infantrymen, supported by tanks, who got within 1,000 feet of our position," he said. "Then, about 10.30 p.m., we got word that there were about forty Germans inside the wire."

"I took six men so as not to weaken the post too much. We tore into them with our bayonets."

"Don't Kill Me" Cry

"I got the shock of my life because only one showed fight. The fifth I tackled grabbed my rifle and pulled me down on top of him."

"I used my rifle on several other German heads until it broke. Then I picked up a stone. The rest of the Jerries, probably thinking it was a hand grenade, grovelled, one shouting, 'I'm a soldier of Germany. Don't kill me!'

"Another was shouting, 'Peace, it is peace, s'il vous plait.'

Eric Gill's Widow Gets A Pension

Mrs M. E. Gill, widow of Eric Gill, the sculptor, has been granted a £120 Civil List pension.

"I have no income of any sort since my husband died," she said. "This is a godsend."

"My husband was not a rich man. He lived and worked solely for his art."

Another woman to receive a £120 pension is Mrs Mildred Helen Davies, widow of W. H. Davies, the "Tramp Poet."

"Although my husband's books continue to sell as well as can be expected in war-time," she said, "they do not bring in quite as much as they might."

A third beneficiary is Dr Charles Chamberlain Hurst, the scientist, who in 1933 raised a storm of criticism by proposing that the State should produce a race of super-intellectuals by breeding only from specially selected men and women.

In one of his technical works he claimed that man could produce new races of animals and plants, much more quickly than Nature, by the use of X-rays.

Lord Kimberley Killed In Raid

On London Visit

The Earl of Kimberley, who was Lord Wodehouse, was an All-England polo player of exceptional brilliance, was killed during a recent raid on London. He was 57.

He was chairman of the Bath Club, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and had travelled to London from Norfolk to attend a meeting of the directors to discuss the future of the club.

Since he succeeded to the title in 1932 Lord Kimberley had not been much in the public eye. He was formerly a member of Mr. Buckmaster's famous polo team of Old Contabs and played for England against the United States. From 1900-1910 he was Liberal M.P. for the old Mid-Norfolk Division.

Shortage Of Meat In Sweden

But Fish Is Still Plentiful

NEW YORK—Meat, including pork has been placed on Sweden's ration list along with butter, fats, coal, hides, copper and copper alloys, according to information recently published by the American Swedish News Exchange here.

The weekly allowance has been set a half a kilogram, or a little more than a pound, of meat for each person weekly. Fish, it was pointed out, is still plentiful.

A further measure by the Government to control rising prices was also forecast by Government circles recently. Retail prices, according to official figures, have reached a point 30 per cent. higher than in August, 1939.

Loan To Finland

At the same time Sweden has agreed to send 20,000 tons of bread grains as a loan to Finland. Wheat, flour, butter, eggs, pork, seed oats, and other products will be sent to Finland under the terms of a new trade agreement between the two countries.

A gift of 400 tons of sugar will also be distributed in Finland now.

Meanwhile a new industry has grown up in Sweden around the substitution of charcoal for gasoline in motor vehicles.

Wood For Engines

At present it is estimated that 50,000 motor vehicles have been converted to the use of wood-burning engines. At a recent Industrial exhibition it was pointed out that production of 10,000 of these burners would require 50,000 days of work. At least 10,000 drivers are kept busy as well as repair mechanics. In one year, Swedish industrialists figure, 10,000 vehicles consume about 3,000,000 bushels of charcoal or finely cut wood which require 1,000,000 days of work for chopping and charring. Distribution requires at least 13,000,000 special paper bags, and this keeps several pulp and paper mills busy.

SOLDIERS NEED ONLY MUSIC

They Have Words

WASHINGTON.—America's soldiers are now getting the words; all they have to do now is supply the music.

The words are printed in a compact little book of which more than 1,500,000 copies were ordered by the War Department, so that every officer and man could have one to carry in his pocket—the aim being to provide the makings for close harmony on all occasions.

There are 60 songs in the book which starts off with "The Star Spangled Banner," jumps alphabetically backwards to "Alma Mater" and then progresses through the ABC's down to "You're in the Army Now."

Same Songs

The songs are the same as those which appear in the recently published Army Song Book, but that includes notes as well as music and cannot be pocketed easily. It was distributed on the basis of one book to 50 men.

But for a soldier who can remember a tune the new little book will supply the words anywhere, and every man is getting one.

One of the old quartet specialties is missing from the Army's collection. It is "Sweet Adeline" but the S-songs include: "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain," "Slum and Gravy," "Smiles," "Song of the Signal Corps" and "Stein Song."

In the book are "Dixie," "Casey Jones," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Old Joe Clark," and "The Old Gray Mare," and there are any number of sentimental ditties of the variety of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart."

Canine Volunteers Sought In Britain

LONDON, May 5.—A call for dog volunteers for a new Canine Corps went out from the British War Office to-day.

Owners were told that enlistment must be for the duration. Airedales, Collies, Labradors, and Golden Retrievers are the breeds most sought.

Selections will be made on the basis of intelligence and natural ability. They will be trained at the War Dog School at Aldershot.

New Record 'Thin'

In Thin Plate Glass

BUTLER, Pa.—Development of what is described as the thinnest plate glass in existence is reported by the Franklin Glass Corporation at Kennewick, Pa.

A. S. Pasquale, General Manager, said the new product was three sixtieths of an inch thick, or about half the thickness of the thinnest plate glass previously produced.

The new material, already in production experimentally, will be used in sun glasses, civilian gas masks, and airplane windows.

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have to hold down in Europe a great number of nations determined to fight for their freedom as soon as the opportunity comes. I don't believe that he can at the same time hold down 100,000,000 Russians if their spirit of resistance is what I think it is."

Liberal View

The Liberal Leader, Sir Percy Harris, was glad that Mr Eden insisted on the strategic importance of the position, and declared that some believe that as a result of Germany fighting a war on two fronts, our labours are lessened. Nothing is further from the truth.

He was glad that Mr Eden insisted that we should clear our minds of prejudice against the internal form of government in Russia. Our purpose now should be to root out this evil thing and to destroy these outlaws who disregard solemn pacts and agreements and see that peace is restored to a troubled Europe.

The former War Minister, Mr Leslie Hore-Belisha, thought that the latest development could be regarded with qualified satisfaction. The efforts of Germany against us are momentarily distracted and whatever the outcome of the conflict, there will be a great consumption of German war material.

Stopped in Black Sea
The most satisfactory way of helping Russia will be through the Black Sea, but unfortunately at the moment, the German hold on Greece and Crete and the Aegean Islands commanding the approaches through the Dardanelles is a great disadvantage to British sea power.

If we do not assist Turkey, that country will be used as an avenue for achievement of Germany's ambitions in Asia and in attacking our interests and our Egyptian position.

One means of sustaining Turkey would be in expediting the conclusion of our Syrian campaign. It is urgent to take measures in a military sphere which will reassure Turkey.

Support For Hitler

Let us realise the subtlety of this Hitlerian move—whether made from wild desperation or methodical calculation. It carries the support of some other countries by its special appeal. It does carry Marshal Petain, the whole basis of whose government is anti-Communism. It will help to carry General Franco. But all these are long-term facts. We have as the result of this got a respite now. I pray that Parliament will use it to the full!

The Conservative Member, the Earl of Winterton, thought that the situation between Britain and Turkey should be clarified. He had a great admiration for the Turks and admitted that their difficulties were enormous, but the time had passed when any country of the importance and dignity of Turkey could be in the position she was to-day.

What A Remark!
Sooner or later she has to declare which side she is on.

Mr Churchill interjected, "What a remark to make!"

Lord Winterton, however, declared that Turkey had signed a treaty with Britain's greatest enemy and asked, "How can you be mutually friendly with two enemies such as Germany and us?"

Mr Churchill again intervened to say, "It would not be in the public interest for the discussion to continue on these lines. We should not seek to probe and define too clearly the attitude of certain Powers surrounded by very great difficulties who may not wish or be in a position to declare themselves."

Communist Member
Much general interest was evinced when Britain's only Communist member, Mr William Gallagher, who has been persistently critical of the Government, rose to speak.

Mr Gallagher declared that with the war which is being waged against the Soviet Union, it may be said that in a very short space of time there has been a considerable shifting of attitude (Laughter).

"I shall not be the only one that will do the shifting."

"When I read the Prime Minister's Sunday night speech, I must admit that I was agreeably surprised that he had gone as far as he had, but even then, he did not go far enough (Laughter)."

Against Sell-Out
"I have always been against a 'sell-out' because it would be a betrayal not only of this country but of Europe. It is essential that we should have a government that could give the most complete and active co-operation with the Soviet Union in the great task ahead."

Replying to a query by another member whether Communists now propose to give the nation's war effort every support, Mr Gallagher denied that Communists are delaying production and declared that they do not wish to withdraw their previous opinion of Communism as a creed.

"We will be behind them and keep our eyes on the target which includes the destruction of Hitler and Nazi Germany."

Roman Catholics
The Conservative Commander Robert Bower, speaking for "many millions of the King's very loyal Roman Catholic subjects," declared: "We hate both Communism and Nazism. Roman Catholics will support whatever measure may be necessary so long as the Government stand by the assurances that they do not wish to withdraw their previous opinion of Communism as a creed."

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Sense of Frustration
The Labour member, Mr Aneurin Bevan, did not believe that an air offensive would help the Russian people very long. "There will be a sense of frustration if the German military machine marches into Russia and subdues the Soviet Union as it has subdued other countries and all we do in the meantime is to send bombing planes into Germany." The Conservative, Mr Harry Strauss, hoped that nothing would

Admiral's Wife On Trial

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Dr Christabel Sybil Nicholson, 50, wife of Admiral Wilmot Stuart Nicholson, who was chief of the British submarine service from 1923 to 1925, was acquitted in a closed trial at Old Bailey recently of a charge that she obtained and recorded information which might be useful to the enemy.

According to the prison docket, she had been detained since May, 1940. Unrest secrecy was maintained during the five-day trial, with the court windows screened and all doors locked. It was only disclosed that Dr Nicholson, tall and fair-haired, was accused of a four-count indictment. She formerly was a house physician at Charing Cross Hospital. She and Admiral Nicholson were married in 1934, four years after his retirement at 65. Throughout the trial he was constantly in court.

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Russian Destroyer Hits Mine
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, June 24 (UP)—Well informed military quarters to-day asserted that numerous units of the Russian fleet including destroyers and submarines left the harbours for sea after German planes had heavily bombed Odessa and other Black Sea ports.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, June 24 (UP)—The official news agency reports that a Red destroyer in the Eastern Baltic hit a mine and sank to-day.

French Warships Attacked
Twenty-two bombers, costing U.S.\$2,000,000, can be built for Britain every year by the United States as a result of the decision of Capt. Edward Molyneux, famous throughout the world as an arbiter of women's fashions.

When the Nazis swooped across France, Captain Molyneux left his Paris salons, which supplied the leading fashion houses of New York, Chicago and Hollywood not to mention Canada. He decided to carry on from Mayfair, and soon his 200 workgirls were overwhelmed by the requests received by cable for morning and afternoon frocks, "tailormades," and evening gowns.

To-day there are about 20 American fashion houses, each ordering 45 models a year, and a minimum number of repeats is 25 for each model. Therefore each order represents £20,000 worth of business.

A Canadian house takes 60 models annually. Payments are made by these houses in dollars, so creating a handsome dollar reserve with which Britain can purchase war material.

LATE NEWS
of the Mediterranean Fleet are giving continuous and active assistance to the advance of our armoured along the coast of Syria by carrying out bombardments of military objectives at strong points of resistance.

"In the early hours of yesterday morning, two Vichy destroyers attempted to interfere with our operations.

They were at once heavily engaged by our ships and both were seen to be hit several times before they retired under cover of a smoke-screen to the shelter of their shore batteries.

"At least one other destroyer of the Chevalier Paul class, which had been operating against us in Syrian waters, had already been hit and almost certainly sunk by torpedoes from naval aircraft.

"Noval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli (Syria), and on warships and shipping in these ports.

"Throughout the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, our submarines continued to inflict losses on the enemy. A supply ship in convoy has been sunk, and a successful attack has been made on a large Italian liner of about 20,000 tons. This ship was hit by two torpedoes.

"A message has been sent to the C-in-C of the Mediterranean asking him to convey the congratulations of the Board of the Admiralty to our submarines on their increasingly successful operations."

Soviets 400-Mile Air Raid

→ FROM PAGE ONE

after terrific fighting destroyed 180 Soviet tanks in one section of the eastern front but the time and location were not specified.

Tough Resistance

Despite tough enemy resistance, the German army through its incomparable infantry and storm troops supported by pioneers and artillery units as well as panzer forces, has deeply penetrated a Russian border position. The agency claimed that the German losses were unusually small during these battles.

The announcement added that the Luftwaffe dispersed Soviet armoured forces which had been placed ready for battle.

A report from Helsinki says that German troops are now only a few miles from the Lithuanian border after occupying the city of Siauliai which is the last Lithuanian city on the main highway towards Riga. They are expected to cross the Lithuanian border to-day.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

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H.K. Banks \$1,315
Bank of East Asia \$72
Canton Ins. X.D. \$212,50
H.K. Fire Ins. \$180
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Docks \$15,10
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FRENCH WARSHIPS ATTACKED

20,000-Ton Italian Liner Torpedoed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—An Admiralty communiqué states that the British fleet and air arm operating off the coast of Syria shelled and torpedoed at least three Vichy destroyers yesterday morning.

Italian Line Sunk
The Admiralty claimed that submarines, operating in the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, torpedoed a 20,000-ton Italian liner and sunk an enemy supply ship.

The communiqué added "naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli, as well as ships and shipping in those ports."

R. N. Activity
LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué states, "Units TURN to Back Page, Column 3

BRITAIN'S WAR BILL

£10,250,000 Per Day

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Notwithstanding the generous supplies received from America under the Lease and Lend enactment, Britain is still spending £10,250,000 daily on the war and her national expenditure under all heads is at the rate of £4,400,000,000 per year.

The House of Commons to-day, without division, voted £1,000,000,000 credit for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Ministry of Supply.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, declared that compared with February when the last £1,000,000,000 was voted, there had been a further increase in the rate of expenditure on the war.

Investors' Contributions

Britain's foreign expenditure had naturally fallen but domestic expenditure had increased correspondingly. Investors were contributing nearly £40,000,000 a week.

A further effort in this direction was still possible and a new drive is to be launched to expand throughout the country the network of savings groups and increase the rate of individual savings.

Danger To Singapore Over Says Washington

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, June 24 (UP).—Practically all danger of a Japanese movement against the Netherlands East Indies or Singapore has vanished.

This is the considered opinion of well informed circles in Washington to-day, who also predicted that Japan may invade Russia and Siberia if Russia collapses under Germany's attack.

It is felt that Japan will take no definite position until the test of Nazi versus Red strength becomes decisive.

RUSSIANS ADOPT OFFENSIVE AGAINST NAZI SPEARHEADS

Rumanians Given Task Of Capturing Odessa

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, JUNE 24 (UP).—THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT MERELY DEFENDING, THEY ARE ATTACKING AND HAVE ADOPTED THE OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS. THIS IS ADMITTED HERE BY MILITARY QUARTERS CLOSE TO THE AXIS, WHO DECLARED THAT FAR FROM EMPLOYING WITHDRAWAL TACTICS SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH DEFEATED NAPOLEON, THE RUSSIANS ARE USING TACTICS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE GERMANS.

Two main German spearheads are now driving on Kiev from bases at Lublin and Dorohoi, southeast of Cernauti in northern Rumania. Within the triangle formed by Cernauti, Lublin and Kiev, south of the Pripet Marshes, the Germans hope to surround and capture 35 Russian divisions which are known to be concentrated there. Another German spearhead is known to be based at Warsaw, directed on Moscow through Grodno and Minsk.

All three spearheads are operating along the main rail lines although the Germans will not be able to use their own rolling stock in Russia in view of the different track gauge.

The task assigned to the Rumanians with German support is to capture Odessa. The Finns with German support will push against Leningrad, although there will probably be some delay along this front since the Finns still deny that Finland is at war.

GERMAN TROOPS IN KAUNAS

Lithuanian Independence

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—Lithuanian quarters report that the Kaunas radio at 1.30 p.m. to-day, broadcast a speech made by a German officer in the German language stating that German troops were then entering Kaunas.

The officer expressed his appreciation that the Lithuanian troops were able to gain control of the two important bridges over the Memel and Vilna Rivers leading to Kaunas before the Russians could destroy them.

Free and Independent

BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—Lithuanian circles report that the Kaunas radio in its noon broadcast proclaimed first that Lithuania was a free and independent State, and secondly that Lithuania adheres to the principles of a new order in Europe.

They stated that the radio gave the names of the new Government which is headed by the former Lithuanian Minister to Berlin, General Kazys Skirpys who is now in Berlin.

It also announced that German bombers in "wave after wave" day and night since Sunday had blasted the airfields at Kaunas.

The population went quickly to the shelters while wardens and other defence personnel went to their stations and posts, and lorries distributed fire-fighting material.

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Tallinn In Flames

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—The entire city of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, is afame apparently due to German air bombings, according to a press message received from Helsinki.

LATEST

Counter-Attacks By Soviets

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 25 (UP).—Radio Moscow announces Russian counter-attacks in the direction of Kaunas, where enemy tanks were routed and whole motorised regiments destroyed.

"Enemy attacks in the direction of Kaunas were repulsed with heavy losses."

It was stated that a battle is proceeding for Grodno, Kaunas and Vilna. The Russians counter-attacked in the direction of Brodsk.

Constanza and Sulin were thrice bombed. Danzig, Königsberg, Lublin and Warsaw, in German-occupied Poland, were thrice raided with heavy destruction caused to military objectives, oil depots at Warsaw being set on fire.

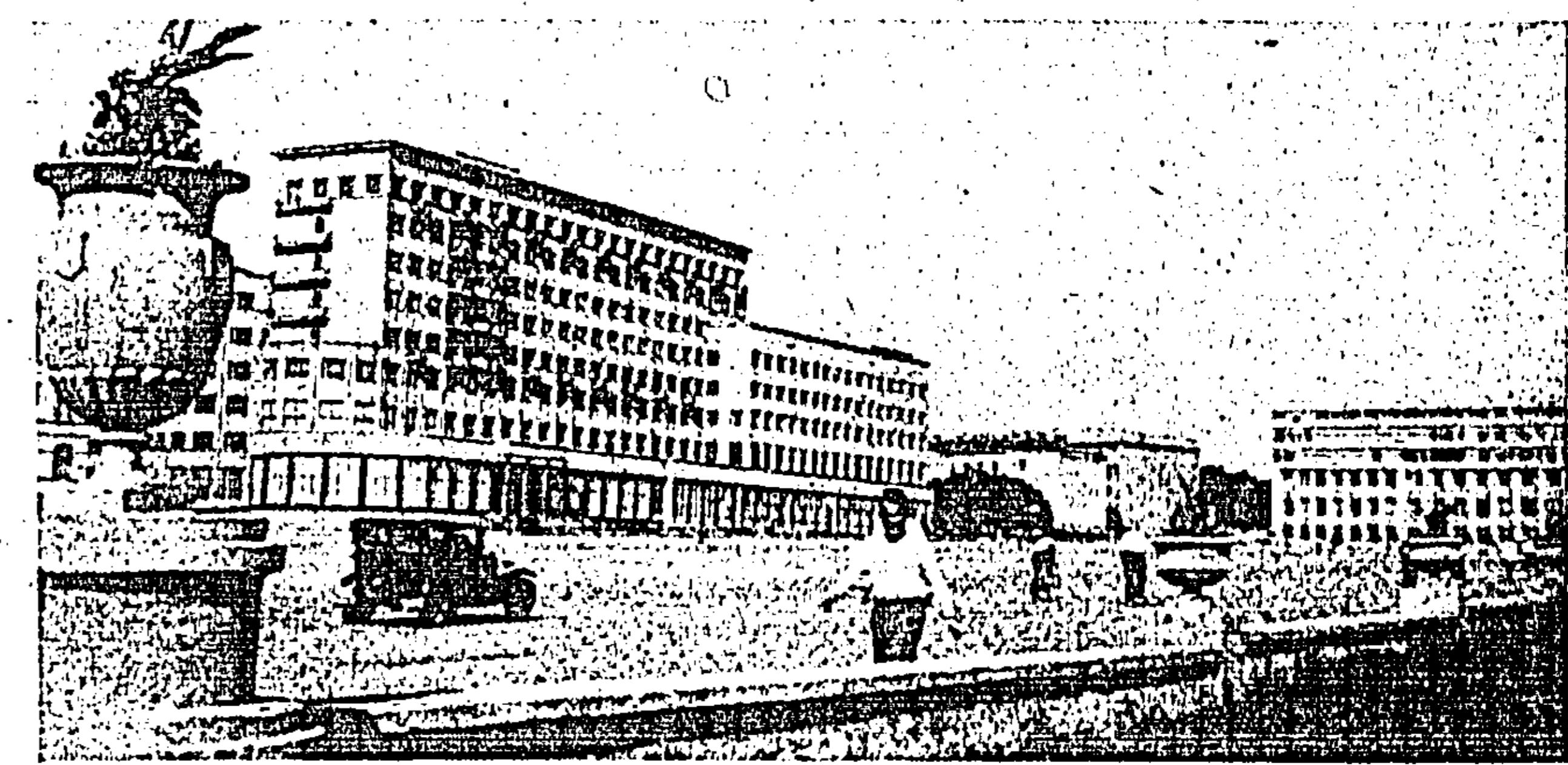
The Luftwaffe yesterday on a comparatively narrow section of the eastern front destroyed 100 enemy tanks.

A specially armoured railway train was reported to be moving eastward immediately following the German troops.

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Another Soviet Key City

Amongst the Soviet Ukraine key cities is Kharkov, created since the revolution, which is the tractor-building centre of the Ukraine. Capture of this place is among the more important German military objectives.



Vichy Admits New Allied Successes in Syria

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—An official dispatch from Beirut states that Palmyra has been wholly encircled and that a siege has begun.

The British fleet resumed the shelling of Damour, south of Beirut.

R.A.F. Continues Channel Raids

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—The unchallenged Royal Air Force carried out their first big offensive sweep of the day early this evening over northern France.

People in south coast towns heard the roar of bombers flying out to sea and violent explosions from beyond the curtain of haze in mid-channel. The explosions lasted for nearly half an hour.

While the attack was in progress strong forces of British fighters swept up and down the Channel on the look-out for German fighters but none appeared to approach the English Channel.

Nazis Feel Blows

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—There is no doubt that the Germans are undertaking a large-scale evacuation of German civilians and administration officials to Norway to seek rest from the relentless British bombing of Hamburg, Bremen, Kiel and other north German towns, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

In the last few days, the Germans have requisitioned thousands of flats and houses in Oslo and the surrounding districts, and also in Trondheim and some towns and villages in inland parts of the west coast.

It is announced that the new procedure which comes into effect on July 1, visa applications will come before Inter-Departmental Committees which, it is understood, will comprise representatives of the State, War, Navy and Justice Departments instead of visas being granted by Immigration officials on the spot.

It is announced that the new procedure is the result of the declared emergency and necessity from the standpoint of national defence for careful supervision over the entry of aliens to the United States.

LATVIAN REVOLT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—A dispatch from Berlin to the "Aften Bladet" states that 60,000 Latvians, who are supplied with a week's munitions are now revolting against the Soviets. It is added that the Latvians have succeeded in building up a regular army, and have blown up bridges and important roads.

Radio Kaunas announced that General Pundzevicius, former Chief of the General Staff, has been appointed Commander of the anti-Soviet troops. General Reklaitis has been appointed Chief of Staff and Colonel Bobelis has been appointed Military Commander of Kaunas.

HITLER ON WAY TO POLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—The "Aften Bladet" without disclosing the sources of the report stated to-day that Hitler left Germany yesterday in order to establish headquarters somewhere in Poland.

The latter favoured seeking diplomatic negotiations to ascertain Germany's real intentions.

A specially armoured railway train was reported to be moving eastward immediately following the German troops.

Soviet Split Precedes War With Germany

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, June 24 (UP).—A serious split among Stalin's subalterns has been reported in diplomatic circles and was also published in the "Journal de Geneva." It is reported to have occurred over Russia's attitude towards Germany before the start of operations.

Two factions, the militarists led by General Timoshenko and supported by Generals Kapanovitch, Mikulan and Kalianin, and a group headed by M. Molotov and the Communist party administrator Malenkov, commonly called the "Brest Litovsk War Group," were opposed.

The latter favoured seeking diplomatic negotiations to ascertain Germany's real intentions.

It is reported that the first clash between the two groups occurred on May 12 at a meeting of the Supreme Military Council presided over by General Timoshenko in the presence of Stalin and other members of the political bureau. Stalin promised by instructing the military officials to do everything necessary to be fully prepared and at the same time supported Molotov by urging diplomatic efforts to get fuller information regarding Germany's intentions.

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5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been exhibited in any other Competition are ineligible.

6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.

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propose to give the nation's war effort every support, Mr Gallagher declared that Communists are delaying production and declared that any hold-up was the responsibility of the Government and employers.

Roman Catholics

The Conservative, Commander Robert Bower, speaking for "many millions of the King's very loyal Roman Catholic subjects," declared: "We hate both Communism and Nazism. Roman Catholics will support whatever measures may be necessary so long as the Government stand by the assurances that they do not wish to withdraw their previous opinion of Communism as a creed."

"We will be behind them and keep our eyes on the target which includes the destruction of Hitler and Nazi Germany."

Sense of Frustration

The Labour member, Mr Aneurin Bevan, did not believe that an air offensive would help the Russian people very long. "There will be a sense of frustration if the German military machine marches into Russia and subdues the Soviet Union as it has subdued other countries and all we do in the meantime is to send bombing planes into Germany."

The Conservative, Mr Harry Strauss, hoped that nothing would be said to condone Russian attacks on the Baltic states.

Poland and Soviets

The Liberal, Mr Geoffrey Mander, hoped that Mr Eden would use his diplomatic and persuasive ability to try and reconcile Poland and the Soviets.

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Communist Member

Much general interest was evinced when Britain's only Communist member, Mr William Gallagher, who has been persistently critical of the Government, rose to speak.

Mr Gallagher declared that with the war which is being waged against the Soviet Union, it may be said that in a very short space of time there has been a considerable shifting of attitude (Laughter).

"I shall not be the only one that will do the shifting."

"When I read the Prime Minister's Sunday night speech, I must admit that he was agreeably surprised that he had gone as far as he had, but even then he did not go far enough (Laughter)."

Labour Peer

The Labour peer, Lord Addison, predicted that Hitler's insidious propaganda would be directed to posing the champion of Christendom but the widespread horrors for which Hitler is responsible would keep our objective clearly defined.

The Liberal, Viscount Samuel, re-

called that in the last war Britain rallied to Russia although there was a profound disapproval of Tsarism.

It would be the greatest error if either Britain or the United States relaxed their efforts now that Germany was embroiled with Russia.

Following the failure of mediation efforts, President Roosevelt had sent troops to the factory to ensure that there should be no interference with the resumption of work.

TRAFFER GETS NAZI PLANE

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—An enemy aircraft which attacked British min-sweepers yesterday was destroyed by the naval trawler Solon, says the Admiralty.

During the engagement, the trawler Solon was taken in tow by the Solon and another trawler, but subsequently sank.

British casualties were three wounded.

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COMMONS AND LORDS DEBATE BRITISH SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Mr H. G. Lees-Smith, Leader of the Opposition, who followed Mr Anthony Eden in the House of Commons debate, declared that if Hitler imagined that by this act he would be regarded by any party or quarter in this country or the United States as a crusader against Communism, he under-estimated our intelligence. (Cheers).

His last act on Sunday morning merely means that owing to the increased forces which we now have in this country, Hitler has realised that he must defeat Russia and release the great air force and 100 divisions from the Russian border before the final assault on this country.

"Before Mr Eden spoke, I was apprehensive lest this country might allow political pre-possessions to interfere with full strategic co-operation and I was relieved by the statement that the differences of political system did not allow us to obscure the realism of the situation," he went on.

"The realities of the situation are that Hitler is now fighting a war on two fronts.

"Perhaps the most important statement made by the Foreign Secretary was that a military and economic mission is about to proceed to Russia.

"Germany can never conquer Russia if Russia has the same spirit of resistance to-day that she had against Napoleon.

"Hitler, after next winter, will be faced with this situation; he will have to hold down in Europe a great number of nations determined to fight for their freedom as soon as the opportunity comes. I don't believe that he can at the same time hold down 180,000,000 Russians if their spirit of resistance is what I think it is."

Liberal View

The Liberal Leader, Sir Percy Harris, was glad that Mr Eden insisted on the strategic importance of the position and declared that some believe that as a result of Germany fighting a war on two fronts, our labours are lessened. Nothing is further from the truth.

He was glad that Mr Eden insisted that we should clear our minds of prejudice against the internal form of government in Russia. Our purpose now should be to root out this evil thing and to destroy these outlaws who disregard solemn pacts and agreements and see that peace is restored to a troubled Europe.

The former War Minister, Mr Leslie Hore-Belisha, thought that the latest development could be regarded with qualified satisfaction. The efforts of Germany against us were momentarily distract and whatever the outcome of the conflict, there will be a great consumption of German war material.

Stopped in Black Sea

The most satisfactory way of helping Russia will be through the Black Sea, but unfortunately at the moment, the German hold on Greece and Crete and the Aegean Islands commanding the approaches through the Dardanelles is a great disadvantage to British sea power.

If we do not assist Turkey, that country will be used as an avenue for achievement of Germany's ambitions in Asia and in attacking our interests and our Egyptian position.

One means of sustaining Turkey would be in expediting the conclusion of our Syrian campaign. It is urgent to take measures in a military sphere which will reassure Turkey.

Support For Hitler

Let us realise the subtlety of this Hitlerian move—whether made from wild desperation or methodical calculation. It carries the support of other countries by its special appeal. It does carry Marshal Petain, the whole basis of whose government is anti-Communist. It will help to carry General Franco. But all these are long-term facts. We have as the result of this got a respite and "I pray that Parliament will use it to the full."

The Conservative Member, the Earl of Winterbottom, thought that the situation between Britain and Turkey should be clarified. He had a great admiration for the Turks and admitted that their difficulties were enormous, but the time had passed when any country of the importance and dignity of Turkey could be in the position she was to-day.

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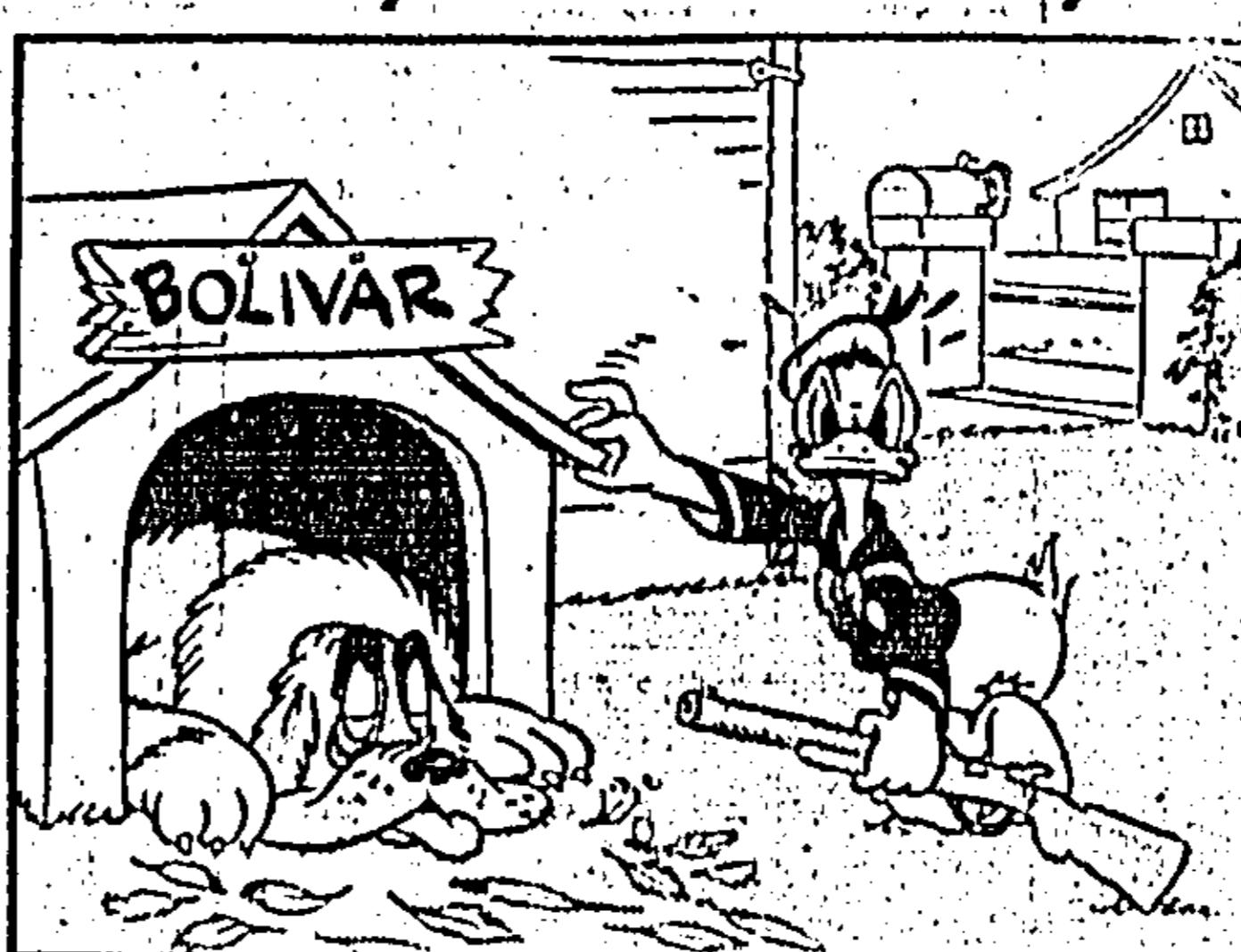
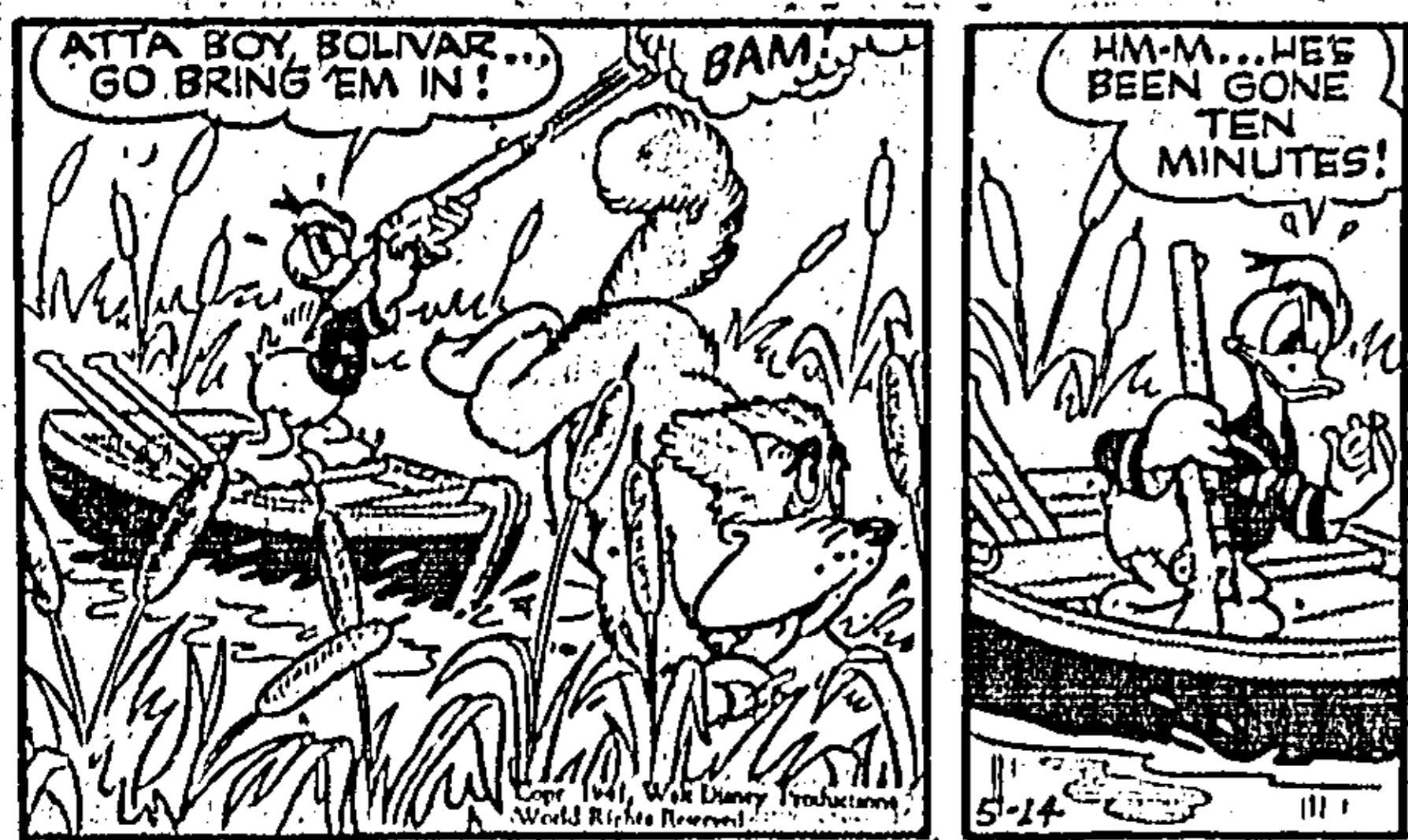
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House of Lords

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Like the House of Commons, the House of Lords to-day debated British policy towards Russia.

Lord Cranborne, Secretary for the Colonies, made a brief statement on similar lines to Mr Eden's and declared that Britain and Russia are poles apart in matters of policies and religion, but they have common interest in facing a ruthless foe and military targets now is worth ten times what it was

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BY JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Function of a Redouble

MOST players look on the redouble probably became a bit rattled. The diamond ace was cashed and a low diamond was continued, East ducking. West's jack won and a low spade was returned, dummy's queen being captured by the ace. East now took charge of the trump situation, cashing the king and queen, then forcing out declarer's last trump by exiting with the six-spot. There was very little declarer could do now. He led a diamond, which East won. Now all East had to do was exercise a little care and judgment. The entire course of play had revealed that declarer's original distribution had been five clubs, four diamonds, two hearts, and two spades. Hence, East carefully laid down the spade jack, the other declarer's possible ten-spot. Dummy's low spade became a hostage to the defenders and rounded out a penalty of 800 points. Since this was considerably better than East-West could have earned by going game themselves, they naturally rejoiced.

Declarer should have saved a trick and thereby obtained an excellent score for his own team. He had no right to expect a good trump break, considering East's prompt double, hence should have played to ruff one spade and one heart and to surrender, in all, only one spade, two hearts, two diamonds, and two clubs. A 600 point penalty would have been cheap.

West, dealer.
 Match-point duplicate.
 Both sides vulnerable.

♦ K Q 7
 ♦ J 6 4
 ♠ A 9 2
 ♣ A 7 6 3

♦ Q 6 5 4
 ♦ A K Q
 10 7 6
 ♠ Q J 6
 ♣ 9 8 2

♦ 10 3
 ♦ 8 2
 ♠ 10 8 4 3
 ♣ J 10 9 8 2

The bidding:
 West North East South
 1 ♦ Dbl. 2 ♠ Dbl. 2 ♣
 Pass Pass Dbl. Pass
 Pass Pass

It took considerable self-restraint on West's part, first to pass to the two club bid, and second, to leave in the double of that contract. He had great confidence in his partner, however, and although the leave-in of such a double, when void of the doubled suit, is not usually the best practice, he decided to gamble it out this time. Although the result was excellent from the East-West point of view, I am strongly inclined to feel that West's "obedience" was a mistake and that it was only because declarer played hand badly that West did not live to regret it.

Three rounds of hearts were played at the start, declarer ruffing the third, while East discarded a spade. Declarer then led a low club to the ace, and when West showed out,

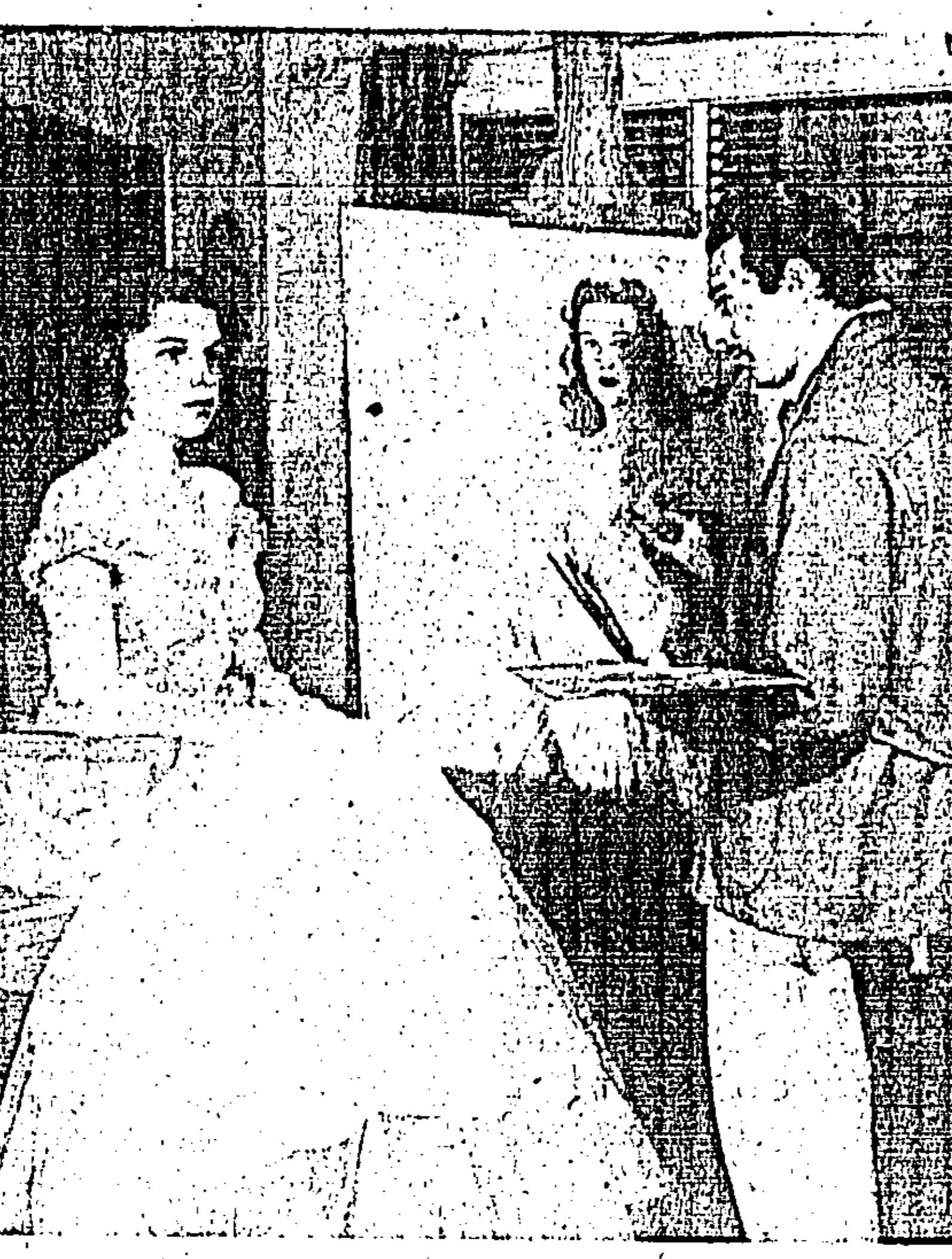
How should South play his contract of seven hearts, doubled by West? Opening lead, club nine.

♦ A Q 9 3 2
 ♦ K 9
 ♠ A 8
 ♣ A J 10 6 5

♦ K 6 5 4
 ♦ J 7 5
 ♠ Q 10 8 7 6
 ♣ 9 8 3

♦ J 7
 ♦ A Q 8 6 2
 ♠ Q K 4
 ♣ K Q 2

South, dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.


CORVETTES
 prove their value

By Foster Barclay

ABOARD A ROYAL CORVETTE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. — Fog closed over the Irish coast as a Royal Navy flotilla, including destroyers and corvettes manned by eager Canadian crews, steamed silently to the west, sweeping the choppy seas for submarines preying on merchant shipping.

The Canadian-built corvettes making their maiden voyages and the crews, most of them fresh from Canadian naval barracks, were impatient. They wanted action. And before the trip was over the sailors had all the excitement they wanted.

The crews had barely settled to routine sea duties when a Junkers 88 swooped from a cloud to a merchant ship straggling behind a convoy. Before the warships could swing their anti-aircraft guns two bombs screamed down.

One dropped into the sea, but the other struck the merchant ship's bridge. A puff of smoke rose and the ship's engines stopped. Corvettes covering the starboard flank opened fire, but the Nazi zoomed into the cloud.

A "trouble-shooting" corvette stood by the damaged vessel while the convoy proceeded without breaking position. After the convoy had disappeared the raider returned and tried to sink the mer-

chantman as the injured were being transferred.

Two bombs fell astern the corvette. A geyser showered the quarter deck and the warship rocked and rolled as the pom-pom gun burst into action.

The plane turned tail and disappeared in the direction of Norway. The corvette returned unscathed to the convoy.

The crew manning the corvette was aboard—the first launched in Canada — were eating dinner when the first alarm sounded. They dropped knives and forks, grabbed tin hats and gas masks and "doubled" to action stations.

A swastika-marked plane dived from the cloud and attacked the merchantman 100 yards away.

MEDALS FOR AID TO HUMANITY

NEW YORK.—The National Institute of Social Sciences announces its gold medal for "distinguished services to humanity" will be awarded Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross; Mrs. J. Border Harriman, former Minister to Norway, and former Gov. Alfred E. Smith.

Each is cited for achievements and services performed throughout his career.



Another young veteran of the films is Virginia Weidler, who has stolen so many scenes from

so many famous players in so many pictures that critics have lost count. You saw her again in "The Philadelphia Story." Here she is cutting up in the playroom in her Hollywood home.

WEIDLER

KENYA MURDER TRIAL EVIDENCE

NAIROBI, June 24 (Reuter). — The question whether bullets found by the Police at the farm where Sir Delves Broughton practised with a revolver and the bullets fired at Lord Erroll were from the same or different weapons was discussed at the resumption of the trial of the baronet on a charge of murdering Lord Erroll to-day.

Captain Thomas William Overton, an army small arms expert called for the defence, had previously expressed conviction that the bullets were from different weapons and not, as government witnesses had stated, from the same weapon. Now, replying to the judge, he said that he would not swear that there were no "true characters" on the bullets used in the crime which were not on the bullets found at the farm. He admitted that he had not used a microscope in his investigation.

Court Adjourns

At the Crown's request, Captain Overton used the Government Chemist's microscope to examine the bullets, the Court adjourning for the purpose.

Captain Overton asked the assistance of the Government Chemist and a police officer with the microscope. Later he said that his examination confirmed his previous evidence.

In the afternoon, Captain Overton withdrew his former criticism of the Crown's bullet photographs.

RUSSIAN ASSETS IN U. S. FREED

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter). — The Treasury has lifted the restrictions from Russian money assets in the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, signed the order at the request of the State Department and, after consulting the Department of Justice.

The action in effect reverses President Roosevelt's order of June 14 freezing all Russian assets in America. It is apparently the first concrete step to aid the Soviet against Germany. The freezing of the assets will make them available to buy war materials in the United States, or elsewhere.

All Possible Aid

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuter). — President Roosevelt has declared "all possible aid to Russia."

Portuguese Lifeboat Is Missing

LISBON, June 24 (Reuter). — The British Embassy here has issued the following statement to-day: "With regard to the sinking of the Portuguese ship Ganda, the British Embassy is in a position to state that no British or Allied submarine was on the date in question, in the waters in which the incident occurred."

Despite diligent search by sea and no trace has yet been reported of the second lifeboat which, it is believed, contained forty survivors of the Ganda.

It will be recalled that the Ganda was torpedoed en route from Lisbon to East Africa and that 23 survivors, mostly injured, were landed on Sunday by trawler. Two persons were killed.

Calling Up Of New Zealanders

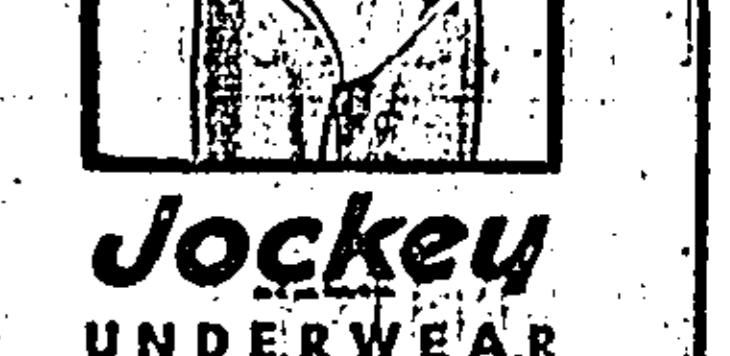
WELLINGTON, June 24 (Reuter). — A further territorial call-up involves 18-year-olds and those who have become 19 or 21 since the last territorial gazette.

A similar call-up will be made again in about a month, bringing in 18, 19 and 41-year-old men.

The age limit for overseas service is 21 to 40.



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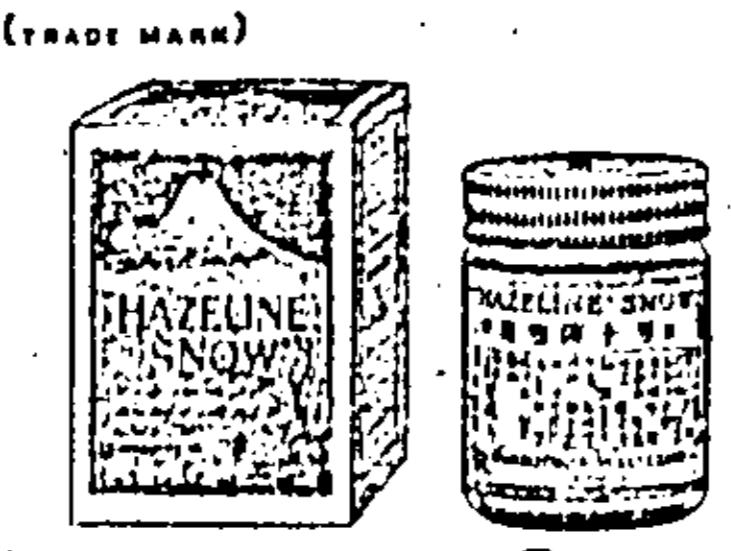
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**WINNING BATTLE OF
THE SKIES**

AGAINST the broad canvas of a conflict which, with its latest developments, has virtually become a world war, the significance of the daylight offensive by the R.A.F. over northern France during the past four days is, perhaps, liable to lose its correct perspective and to be regarded, in well-known military parlance, as merely "local activity." But the figures of relative German and British losses are too arresting to permit this valuation. The Nazis, with all the advantages of a defensive fighting unit have lost 113 planes (for certain) against the R.A.F.'s 30—a ratio of nearly four to one.

These figures give part of the picture. They demonstrate the greatness of the new Spitfires and re-emphasise the undoubted superiority of the British pilots. They illustrate that whereas the Nazi airmen, when they invade Britain, seldom escape with an adverse ratio of losses of much less than three to one, the R.A.F., when they take the war into the enemy's camp, can retain at least the same favourable proportion of losses in men and machines.

The other side of the picture which the last four days have given is that Britain is more and more attaining the position where she can raid Germany and German-occupied territory with as much intensity as the Nazis attacked England last year that she can, in fact, take the full initiative in the combat for aerial supremacy, and that British supremacy is more and more becoming a realisation.

Mr. Churchill was not using vain and empty words, nor was he indulging in bravado when he promised Russia that Britain would intensify the war against Germany as a result of the Nazi onslaught against the Soviet. The Premier backed up his words by actions—actions which he knew could be taken because at long last the country is in a position to assume an aerial offensive on a major scale.

The knowledge is vastly encouraging and must surely serve to inspire the people of Hongkong to support the R.A.F. Fund, which is the Colony's one sure method of helping to supply the R.A.F. with the machines most needed for the successful conduct and

THE UKRAINE

Richest Land on Earth



I WANDERED for days through the richest land on earth, the Socialist Republic of the Ukraine. Through its pretty thatched roof villages and over its collective farms; in the crowded streets of its capital, Kiev, of its great port Odessa, and of Kharkov, its chief industrial centre.

My general impression is that this most coveted, and therefore most strategically dangerous, territory represents one of the greatest Bolshevik successes. To a very large extent they have created that best of all bulwarks against aggression from outside, a contented population. It was not always so.

Then came Allied interventionists and a period of civil war. Between December, 1918, and August, 1919, Kiev saw fourteen different Governments a country of untold natural resources rise and fall. There came then sources.

Even three or four years ago attack from outside might easily have been accompanied by sporadic revolt within the country itself. To-day that seems out of the question.

The Ukrainians are a gay people. Not for nothing are their folk dances and balalaika orchestras famous throughout the world.

Dancing and music bubble

forth as the natural expression

of the Ukrainian temperament.

In other ways, too, the Ukraine is different. The people are bigger, healthier and more swarthy than the muddy-faced Muscovites. Although enslaved for generations, they have never

acquired the slave mentality, and this no doubt accounts for the amazing speed with which they are now developing.

THE countryside, too, is different. The villages look cleaner with their little whitewashed cottages, their cherry orchards and flower gardens. They contrast strongly with the unpainted, sun-coloured wooden shacks and houses of the North and East. Kiev, their capital city on the Dnieper, is one of the most beautiful towns in Russia.

consolidation of this offensive. No direct appeal from Mr. Churchill to this Colony could be more emphatic than the news of the last four days. Britain is winning the battle of the skies, and Hongkong has a glorious opportunity to contribute towards the final and conclusive elimination of the Luftwaffe and the avenging of London, Coventry, Southampton, Portsmouth and the other blitzed cities of Britain.

These provide "defence in depth." Their purpose is to "cushion" the attack, and slow it up until it is finally checked reinforcing troops were 50 or even 100 miles in rear of mechanised troops.

The spaces between these

small defended areas are usually

open. By day, they are covered

who guessed too well what it would mean for themselves, did nothing to help the peasant understand.

The attempt on the part of the Government to force hundred per cent. communism down their throats proved a costly failure.

The famine years of 1932 and 1933 were less the result of climatic conditions than of refusal on the part of the Ukrainian peasant to reap or sow. The harvest was got in largely by townspeople and forced labour.

The volte-face came with the so-called Stalin Statute, by which the peasant is allowed to possess an acre or two of land of his own and a few domestic animals. To-day there are 27,000 collective farms and all but 10 per cent. of agricultural land in the Ukraine is cultivated by State farms or collectives. The Government may be said to have retreated, but it was a retreat which brought victory.

INDUSTRIAL development is even more important. Everywhere one sees new plants in operation or in course of building. Operated by the nine giant turbines of the Dnieper Dam are enormous metal and chemical works, of which the aluminium plant alone produces more than the total production of France. There is another near by which produces more pig iron than the whole of Poland.

In Kharkov they make everything from biscuits to locomotives. The huge tractor plant is famous. So also are the great turbine and electric generator works.

Accompanying this is a prodigious improvement in education. Before the Revolution 60 per cent. of the population was illiterate. To-day there are more youngsters in the Ukraine enjoying higher education than there are in Nazi Germany. There are 27,000 medical students alone, 30,000 in the Agricultural Colleges, and 11,000 more in the Universities for specialised agricultural work.

Almost every important industrial area in the country has its own air club and thousands of workers become trained pilots in their spare time. According to a published report, more than 100,000 applications rank easily first. To-day the for such training have been received so far this year.

Yet even in this land of fabulous resources the Ukraine in which lies the famous Donets Basin, produces 75 per cent. of the coal mined in the Soviet Union, per cent. of the coal mined in the U.S.S.R.; the same percentage of the Soviet Union's coal is produced by the U.S.S.R. The territory is part of the great European plain and lacks all natural resources. In plain English ton was grown for the first time in the southern districts. Postycheff was made dictator in the southern districts. Voroshilov.

But for a rich and coveted land the attitude of the inhabitants is a factor of the utmost importance also. It was that which I came to see, and what

most important in the Ukraine is the U.S.S.R. The sequence of the U.S.S.R. no longer requires import cotton.

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STRONG SOVIET RESISTANCE ADMITTED BY THE GERMANS

ANKARA, JUNE 24 (REUTER).—A SEA FIGHT IS REPORTED TO BE GOING ON OFF THE BULGARIAN COAST (BLACK SEA), ACCORDING TO RUMOURS FROM VARNA. SOVIET CRUISERS, DESTROYERS AND SUBMARINES ARE SAID TO BE FIGHTING GERMAN AIRCRAFT, BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION. THE GERMANS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE MINED THE BULGARIAN AND RUMANIAN COAST, BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT A NARROW CHANNEL AT THE MOUTH OF THE BOSPHORUS UNMINED.

Axis sources here admit that the Germans are meeting very strong opposition in Bukovina and state that the Russians are not fighting a defensive battle but are attacking.

Russian sources tell of a huge air battle all along the front with the Soviets holding their own.

Reports from Bucharest state that a Rumanian column from Galatz advanced eight kilometres towards Tarutin, due south of Kishinev.

Russians here, however, assert that the Rumanians are not participating in the fighting, being held in reserve.

Rumanians claim that they have crossed the River Pruth at Galatz, Jassy and Lippani. They say that the most northerly column is headed in the direction of Kiev and another two towards Odessa, which is about 150 miles from the present frontier.

Need Labourers

Germans here boast that the campaign will be over in six weeks when, they say, they will have occupied White Russia, Ukraine and the Caucasus.

They say that they need Russian prisoners as labourers for the Reich since French prisoners of war are useless because they are "tired and unruly."

Moscow Claim

NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—The enemy's attacks are being successfully repulsed," Moscow Radio announced to-day according to the Columbia Broadcasting System.

"We congratulate the heroic Red Army on its first military successes," the Soviet announcer added.

Soviet Planes Raid

VICHY, June 24 (Reuter).—Soviet planes have carried out two raids on the Rumanian Black Sea port of Constanza, states a Rome dispatch.

The important Danube town of Galatz has also been bombed.

One Soviet plane came down on Rumanian territory, the dispatch adds.

Nazis Claim Initiative

BERLIN, June 24 (Reuter).—The official German news agency reports that the Germans had taken the initiative on Tuesday after "desperate" resistance by the Soviet army in some sectors on the first two days' campaign.

Russian Fleet Moves

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ANKARA, June 24 (UP).—Well informed military quarters to-day asserted that numerous units of the Russian fleet including destroyers and submarines left the harbours for sea after German planes had heavily bombed Odessa and other Black Sea harbours.

An unconfirmed report states that many of the Russian craft were pursued and heavily bombed. The action was believed to have taken place near the Rumanian and Bulgarian coasts.

Russian Destroyer Hits Mine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The official news agency reports that a Red destroyer in the Eastern Baltic hit a mine and sank to-day.

Mission To Moscow

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—It is understood that preparations for the dispatch of a British mission to Russia are being pressed forward as quickly as possible and it is expected that they will be completed shortly. Sir Stafford Cripps, who is occupied with further consultations and discussions in London, hopes to be able to return to Moscow in a few days.

Vichy Planes Destroyed: Widespread Syria Raids

CAIRO, June 24 (Reuter).—The destruction of eight Vichy aircraft on the ground, and damage to a very large number of others during raids on Syria, are announced in a Royal Air Force communiqué issued this evening.

A number of hits on flying boats at Syracuse and the discovery of 15 burnt-out Italian aircraft at Jumma, Abyssinia, are other highlights.

"Syrian Aircraft of the R.A.F. and Australian Air Force were active in Syria yesterday. A large force machine-gunned an aerodrome at Baalbek, Talia, and Rayak, destroying eight Vichy aircraft on the ground. A very large number of others were damaged and another was attacked and severely damaged in the air."

Aerodrome Attacked

"A squadron of the R.A.F. carried out a machine-gunnin attack on an aerodrome near Home. One hangar and a number of other buildings were burnt out, several motor transport vehicles were damaged, and one Vichy Glenn Martin was destroyed on the ground."

Sea Battle Off South Sweden Reported

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, June 24 (UP).—Vigorous detonations which are believed to be the result of gunfire and aerial bombardments were heard last night and this morning off the Swedish south coast, particularly the Island of Gotland, and as far as Stockholm.

It is believed a naval battle is in progress.

South of Helenski

NEW YORK, June 24 (Reuter).—A sea battle south of Helenski is reported in the Swedish newspaper "Athena," according to a Stockholm despatch. Gunfire has been heard off Stockholm and the Swedish island of Gotland.

German aircraft are reported to have bombed Tallin, Helsinki and other Finnish coastal towns. They heard distant explosions from the direction of Estonia across the Baltic. Smoke and explosions are also reported to have been seen along the Estonia coast.

Finns And Poland

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Finland no longer recognises the existence of Poland as an independent state and has this afternoon handed a note to that effect, dating from to-day, to the Polish Minister in Helsinki.

The reason given is that since Poland is occupied and administered partly by Germany and partly by Russia, "the activity of the Legations without any practical foundation."

The Polish Minister has sent a note of protest to the Finnish Foreign Office.

Polish Protest

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—It is known from Polish official circles that Finland has sent a note to the Polish Minister, Henryk Hokolnicki, declaring that Finland can no longer recognize Poland as an independent state to which the Polish Government has protested.

Diplomatic Changes

New Envoy To Brazil

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, former Minister in Belgrade, has been appointed Minister in Washington in succession to Sir Gerald Campbell, who was recently made Director-General of Information in the United States.

Sir Noel Hughes Havelock Charles is appointed Ambassador in Rio de Janeiro in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.

Sir Noel Charles is made a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George on his appointment.

Konoye Addresses Nation

Japan Will Go On

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, June 24 (Domestic).—A stirring appeal to the Japanese and Chinese nations was put by the Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, in a radio speech to-night.

Prince Konoye said in brief: "Judging coolly from the objective viewpoint, Japan would probably be able to use three methods against China. Firstly, to carry out an aggression in China on the strength of Japan's actual forces by demanding reparations, territorial cessions and others.

"Secondly, to partition and rule China together with powerful third countries. These two methods represent the so-called Imperialistic policy of the Powers which have been tested since 100 years ago in the direction of colonising China.

"Thirdly, in contrast to the two foregoing methods, not to deny China her aspiration of independence but to strengthen her growth and, with full co-operation with a strengthened China at the axis, to emancipate various East Asiatic peoples and establish permanent peace in East Asia.

Third Method Chosen

"Of the three methods the first two are those of an conqueror and being easy and serving immediate purposes, pragmatical entailing lesser mercies. Why, then, have we chosen by avoiding them the most difficult third method which ordinary people can hardly understand? It is because the morality of the Japanese nation has dictated it and the main current of world history has clearly guaranteed it.

"At the present time when world events are changing more swiftly than the flow of water, we could hardly tolerate East Asia stagnating in anarchistic ideas and being placed in a prolonged state of civil strife. We have, therefore, with open mind, hoped for the reflection and drastic realisation of the Chungking influences.

"The world is blocked by war clouds both in the East and in the West. In accordance with the inherent tendencies of mankind, the world is seeking a new order and denying the old order based on plunder and aggression. In such an age one must be ignorant to dream of any nation or country becoming great to-morrow without making sacrifices. Of course we want to minimise the ravages of war as far as possible.

Third Parties

"The fact that this is impossible is not due to China's natural wishes but due to the restraining influence of extraneous third parties and China's natural wishes not being independent in the proper sense of the word. We firmly believe that a truly independent country and the true wishes of China with her own purposes are now coming into form from amidst roaring gunfire.

"The future of new China is by no means plain, while the seas are also rough in the path of Japan, facing the Pacific. Historical truth, however, finally comes to its natural settlement after many twists and turns. The mountain that is rising ahead of the battle for truth, however steep and longwinding it may be, has only one pass to cross. Efficacy is to be blamed for wavering, due to the length of the path.

"It may be difficult to tell whether we are up or down the hill. Japan will never forfeit her aspiration halfway. It is glory that is lying ahead of us."

Western Desert

"Cyrenaica: The harbour of Benghazi and an enemy transport in the same area were bombed on Sunday night.

"Abydos: Eleven Caproni aircraft and four C.R. 32's were found burnt out when our troops entered Jumma.

"From all operations, two British aircraft are missing, and a third made a forced landing in enemy territory."

Visitors To Gaimusho

TOKYO, June 24 (Reuter).—The Soviet and Italian Ambassadors called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsukata, separately this afternoon. Each remained for half an hour.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2%
London London	1/2%
T.T. Shanghai	440
T.T. Singapore	52%
T.T. Japan	102%
T.T. India	82%
T.T. U.S.A.	24%
T.T. Manila	48%
T.T. Batavia	45%
T.T. Bangkok	140%
T.T. Saigon	104%
T.T. France	102%
T.T. Australia	1/6%

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3%
4 m/s D/P London	1/3%
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	84%
30 m/s India	84%
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02%
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William Powell Meeting

Trade Maintained

Although trading conditions during the past year were rather difficult, a satisfactory result of the year's trading was passed before shareholders at the fortieth annual meeting of Messrs William Powell Limited, held at the offices of the Company at 12 Des Voeux Road Central this afternoon.

Mr E. M. Raymond was in the Chair, and he was supported by Mr H. Overy (Managing Director), and Mr S. H. Ross (Director), Mr W. L. Alexander (Secretary), and Messrs J. C. Saunders and P. A. Yvanovich (Shareholders).

Mr Raymond said: Your Directors are pleased to place before you accounts showing such a satisfactory result of the year's trading. The balance from General Working Account for the year shows an increase over last year of approximately \$5,000. Against this however a new item of expenditure appears in the Profit and Loss Account in respect of War Taxation for the taxation years 1940/41 and 1941/42. Tax for the year 1940/41 amounted to \$2,387.10 which was based on the Company's Profits for last year has been paid. In addition to this charge your Directors have considered it prudent to make full provision for tax for the taxation year 1941/42 which will be based on the profits of the Company for the year to February 28, 1941. This has been estimated at \$4,300. The net profit for the year carried to the Balance Sheet after making this provision shows a decrease of approximately \$900 on last year.

Replacement Of Stock

Trading conditions during the past year have been difficult and as I indicated in my speech from the Chair last year the question of stock replacements has given your Directors some cause for concern. By far the greater part of our stock is imported from England and orders have to be placed with our agents and suppliers there many months in advance.

The difficulties of obtaining shipping space from England to Hongkong in these troublous times are well known and your Company has not been any more fortunate in this respect than other concerns in the Colony. It is with considerable satisfaction therefore that your Directors can lay before you accounts showing such a good result of last year's trading.

Favourable Turnover

I may say that in spite of the difficulties being experienced the turnover to date compares very favourably with last year. In view however of the uncertainty of the future your Directors consider that the conservative policy which they have followed during this past year or two should be continued. For this reason they recommend that of the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation the sum of \$10,000 should be placed to General Reserve which will then stand at \$31,000. I trust Shareholders will approve of this recommendation to pay the same dividend and bonus as last year, viz 20 cents per share and 10 cents per share respectively.

Stocks On Hand

Turning to the Balance Sheet it will be noted that the value of stocks on hand is approximately \$13,000 greater than last year. This has to a large extent been brought about by the general increase in prices of goods during the past year. Stocks have been conservatively valued and are readily saleable.

Sundry Debtors are approximately the same as at February 28, 1940. Full provision has been made for doubtful debts and the greater portion of the debts outstanding has since been collected.

I do not think there are any further items in the Balance Sheet which call for particular comment.

Thanks To Staff

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr Overy and his staff for their services during the year. I feel I am expressing the wishes of shareholders in doing so. The staff have carried out their duties admirably under difficult circumstances.

I will now propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr J. C. Saunders seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously.

Mr S. H. Ross was re-elected a Director for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. Overy, seconded by Mr. Yvanovich, and Messrs Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$325 per annum on the proposal of Mr Ross seconded by Mr Overy.

Finnish-Russo Relations Said Almost Normal

HELSINKI, June 24 (Reuter).—Only attack from without can induce Finland to abandon her neutrality, a Finnish Foreign Office Spokesman declared to-day. "We are remaining so until shot fired across the frontier, and other incidents concerning which the foreign minister has verbally protested to the Soviet Minister. The latter has promised to obtain explanations.

Communications between Finland and Russia are almost normal. The telegraph is working although with less regularity, and rail communications are unchanged.

Russian transit across the Gulf of Finland between the Soviet and Hango continues as usual. Official communiques mention

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Around The Courses

Advised Preservation Of Equipment And Balls

Possible Shortage Of Sports Materials

Rust And Rot Of Clubs

(By "Birdie")

THE TIMELY but not altogether gloomy warning forecast of Mr F. Miller, sports manager of one of Australia's biggest firms, that the effect of a long war will be a shortage in sports materials was printed on this page on Monday, and it certainly wouldn't do any harm for people in Hongkong and the Far East to pay just a little attention to the words that have been written.

Particularly so in the tropics, damage through rust to steel shafted clubs takes quite a toll on equipment. Only recently I saw two such shafted clubs snap in the hands of the wielders in the act of hitting.

The weather we are having at the moment is highly destructive. There is first the rain, then condensation and thirdly perspiration. All three soak through the leather grips and when they have wrought their damage on the club shaft and it snaps, the condition of the steel is an amazing revelation. Even without the rain, the second two sources are sufficient to create havoc.

A glance at such a broken shaft is enough to galvanise one into more serious preservation of one's clubs.

Perhaps the principle fault in the manufacture is that the shafts are not chromium plated the whole length, but only from the neck to the beginning of the grip. Underneath the grip is just plain, unprotected, metal.

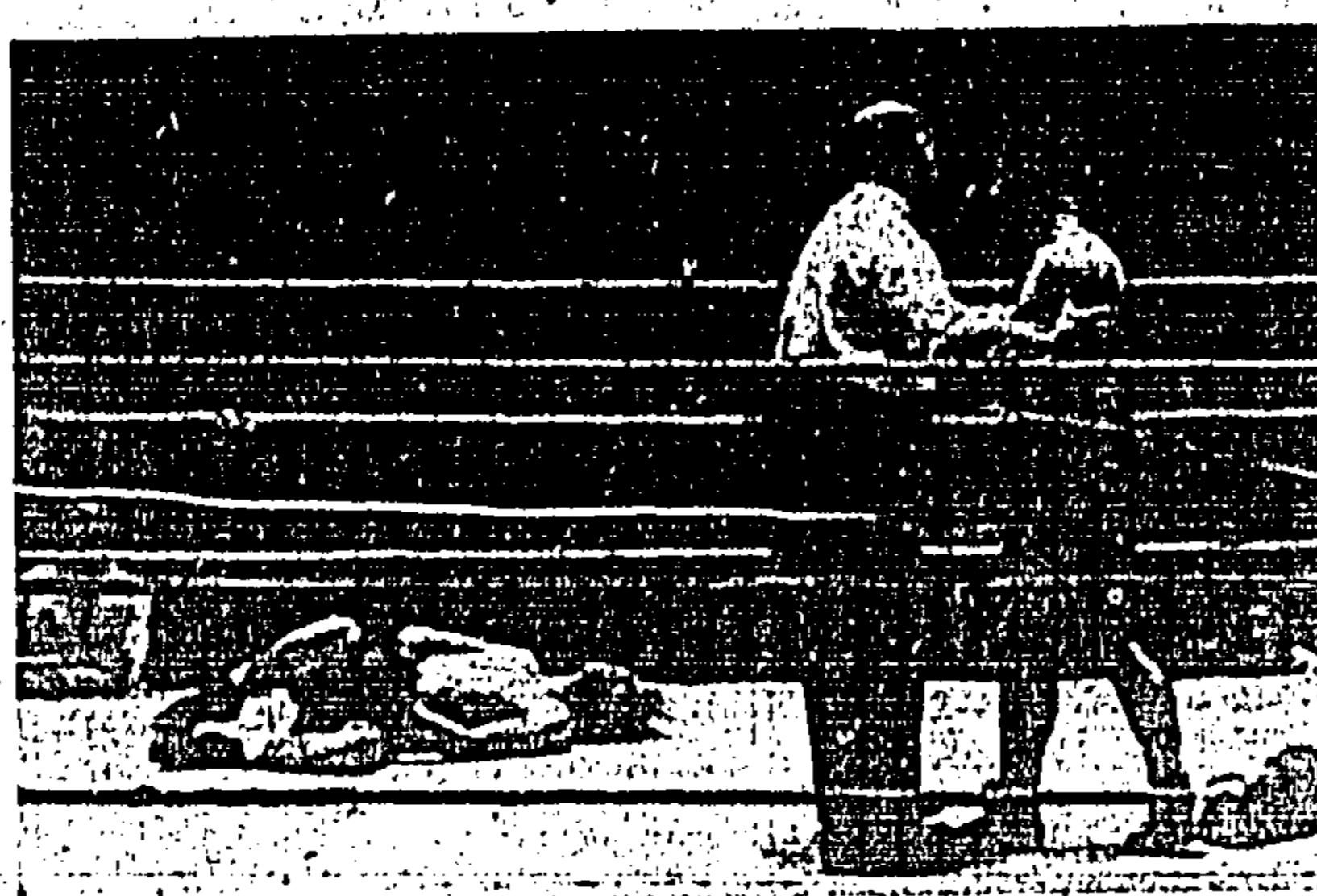
This is one solution to the problem, the second is one of castor oil and methylated spirit. The main use of this is to preserve the tackiness of the leather, ensuring a better hold, but it also helps to keep moisture from reaching through to the steel.

Another source of damage to clubs is the rotting of the wooden heads. It is thus all the more imperative that clubs should be oiled after use, even the irons. Cuddles, I know, are supposed to perform this duty, but the more careful player will give it his personal attention.

The junction of the head to the shaft is a vulnerable spot. Steel can be attacked through here, and the danger of snapping, especially with irons, cannot be minimised.

About golf, Mr. Miller said: Restriction on imports of steel tubing and heavy local demands may stop the manufacture of golf clubs in a year or so. Used motor tyres may be boiled down to make, not the present type, but a solid gutta-percha ball with only one-third the driving distance.

These are words of wisdom, and it should not be surprising if, especially with regard to imported



The final scene of the disappointing Eric Boon-Kid Berg bout in London recently. Berg (on the canvas) won on a foul.

Chinese Tourists Beat Sth Australia

ADELAIDE, June 24 (UP)—The Chinese touring soccer team beat South Australia 4-1 to-day.

clubs, there should be a scarcity in Hongkong before long.

ONE of the finest drainage systems that could be installed on a golf course is that of trees. But the trouble with most of our courses here is that they were once paddi-fields and the clay content of the soil prevents the water from sinking through.

This is especially so at the Country Club, Sheungshui, and the only way out there is the digging of ditches. The first fairway at Kowloon is a real lesser for the Course Committee, and even at the moment there are extensive operations in progress to take away the rain that has settled on the surface.

But whatever drawbacks the rain may have had on that fairway, it has certainly done some good on the fifth where lizards—tree-lizards, I am told they are called, though there aren't any trees for quite some distance around—have burrowed their way into the comparatively sandy ground and have tossed out their diggings on to the surface.

These lizards, seen through a magnifying glass, would present an awe-inspiring spectacle, for they are miniatures of the great reptiles of the prehistoric ages. They are, in fact, similar to those used in the making of the film "One Million B.C."

Pictureque as they may be, they are nevertheless a great pest on a golf course. They have an aversion for water, and the recent rains have either kept them away or drowned them. I doubt if the latter cause is

Lawn Bowls Pairs

Leonard & Ward Beat Phillips And McKelvie

Two Matches Yesterday

TWO MATCHES in the Lawn Bowls Pairs Open Championship were played yesterday, the more exciting of the two being that in which J. W. Leonard and W. Ward, of Craigengower, eliminated R. P. Phillips and J. McKelvie, Kowloon B.G.C., 16-14 at the Kowloon F.C.

At the Civil Service C.C., C. H. Basto and J. J. Basto beat F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs 21-13.

Leonard and Ward scored on 13 of the 21 heads at the Kowloon F.C., but in their eight heads, Phillips and McKelvie

correct, however, for past rains have not resulted in their extinction.

MOST people who play golf find it one of the most difficult and tantalising of games. But there is at least one man who will not play the game because it is "too easy," says "Golf Monthly."

Sacha Guitry, the French actor, went to Evan to take the waters and play golf. He bought a complete outfit, including gloves and umbrella, from the professional and went out for his first lesson.

After a few demonstrations from the pro, he drove his first shot well over a bunker about 200 yards down the fairway. He repeated the performance a second and third time, threw away the driver and walked off the tee, remarking: "This game is childish, too easy for me." He never came back either to play or for his clubs.

included a 5 which was recorded on the 9th end.

The Craigengower pair opened the scoring in the shuttle struggle, but on the 8th head, the totals were level, 6-all. With their five on the succeeding head, Phillips and McKelvie took an 11-6 lead, but the Craigengower men figured in a run of 1, 1, 2, 1 to level off again at 11-all.

Each side scored singles alternately over the following four ends, bringing the score to 13-all at the 17th. But with a run of three singles Leonard and Ward were in front 16-13 on the 20th.

Phillips and McKelvie could not improve on a single for the final head, and Leonard and Ward entered the next round.

Win For Basto

C. H. AND J. J. BASTO had little difficulty against F. N. Hill and W. C. Higgs at the Civil Service C. C.

The Recreio combination opened with a 4 and followed this with 2, 1, 1, 3 to lead 11-0 before the opposition registered a 2.

This lead was increased to 14-4 on the 9th and score at the 12th read 15-7.

Over the last nine heads, Hill and Higgs scored on six but in singles while on the three ends in their favour the Basto-brothers registered 2 on the 14th, 1 on the 18th and finished off the game with 3 on the last head.

To-day's Match

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, last year's champions, to-day engage A. Hyde, Lay and J. N. Wong at the Kowloon F. C. It will be a good game to watch though the odds are in the holders' favour.

League Tennis

Craigengower Trounce C.B.A.

In "D" Division

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. trounced Central British Association 8-1 in a "D" Division tennis match played at Happy Valley yesterday.

D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley were the only visiting pair to win a set. K. M. Au and C. M. Lee (C.C.C.) won all three sets with the loss of only three games.

Scores were:

K. M. Au and C. M. Lee (C.C.C.) beat B. I. Blackford and T. Gaubert 6-1; beat D. T. Smith and N. B. Whitley 6-1; beat D. Tomashovsky and D. Fittinghoff 6-1.

Y. G. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.) beat Blackford and Gaubert 6-2; beat Smith and Whitley 6-3; beat Tomashovsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

T. K. Lien and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.) beat Blackford and Gaubert 6-1; lost to Smith and Whitley 5-7; beat Tomashovsky and Fittinghoff 6-1.

Sunday Cricket At University

THE UNIVERSITY commence on their Sunday cricket programme this week-end when they meet a team from the Queen Mary Hospital at Pukulam at 8 a.m.

The University team has not yet been chosen, but the Hospital will be represented by Dr H. L. Ozorio (Capt), E. V. Hopkins, S. Bentley, Dr E. L. Gosano, J. F. McGowan, Dr Haynes, Dr Lule, Dr C. W. Lam and Dr Mohan Singh.

This follows complaints by players and others against the club in respect of money alleged to be due and of which the directors were invited but failed to offer an explanation within seven days.

According to W. Wright, the secretary-manager, the sums due are under £100 and some of the debts are old ones.

Nazi Methods Of Gaining Information

Famed Polish Athlete Tortured To Death

LONDON, June 17 (Reuter)—Janusz Kusociński, famous Polish long-distance runner, who won the 10,000 metres championship in the Olympic Games at Los Angeles in 1932, has been tortured to death by the Gestapo, according to news reaching Polish circles here.

Kusociński, like hundreds of other prominent citizens, was charged by the Germans of being connected with anti-German underground activities. Although lacking proof, the Gestapo determined to extract information from Kusociński, and tortured him for several months before killing him.

They first broke his legs which brought him many athletic victories in various parts of the world, and during the second investigation they broke his left arm and damaged his right eye.

Later Kusociński was thrown into a dark dungeon practically without food and water and was periodically subjected to fresh tortures.

Broken Man

A fellow prisoner who saw the famous athlete at this stage said that he looked like a broken old man with his long white beard and was practically blind and dumb.

Kusociński died later and his name has been added to the long list of martyred Polish patriots.

Throughout the ordeal Kusociński refused to utter one word of value to the enemy.

Water-Polo

Navy "A" Beaten 6-0 By Middlesex "A"

Six games in the water-polo tournament were held yesterday, the biggest upset being Navy A's defeat by Middlesex A 6-0.

Navy A were very closely marked by Middlesex A at the Y.M.C.A. and consequently their forwards were unable to manoeuvre for goals. Middlesex took advantage of the deep end and their backswimmers paved the way for goals. Bindon (3), Hymas (2) and Jennings scored.

An Upset

The 5th A.A. Regiment caused an upset when they beat 9th Coastal Regiment 4-0 in the Army pool. Yabsley (2), Clarke and Wilson netting.

Win For "X"

Scots were unfortunate to be beaten by H. A. W. Millar and Slater, who are on the staff of the Army netting unit at Y.M.C.A. The Civilians won 4-1. A. F. Macmillan (2), Goldman and Benn scoring for the winners, and Morris, a newcomer to the Scots who shows signs of promise, netting when Goldman was out of the water.

Signals Too Good

Signals proved much too good for Navy B who were without H. G. Thompson and were swamped 10-0. Dignan (5), Bedford (2), Hunt, Allen and McCann were the scorers.

Small Units Superior

Small Units proved much superior to Navy C, who were beaten 5-2. MacDonald (2), Nicholls, Knightley and Thorley scored for the Small Units and Doherty and Wilson replied.

M'sex "B" Win 3-0

Middlesex B beat Scots B 3-0, Lomax, Radley and Peacock being the scorers.

German Tennis Star Killed

BERLIN, June 10 (UP)—Heinz Landmann, former German tennis champion, has been killed in action while serving as an officer. It was officially announced to-day. Details of his death were not divulged.

During his best years, Landmann scored victories over such internationalists as Vincent Richards of the United States, Bunny Austin of Britain, and Jack Crawford of Australia.

Clapton Orient Suspended

Clapton Orient F.C. has been suspended by the Football Association.

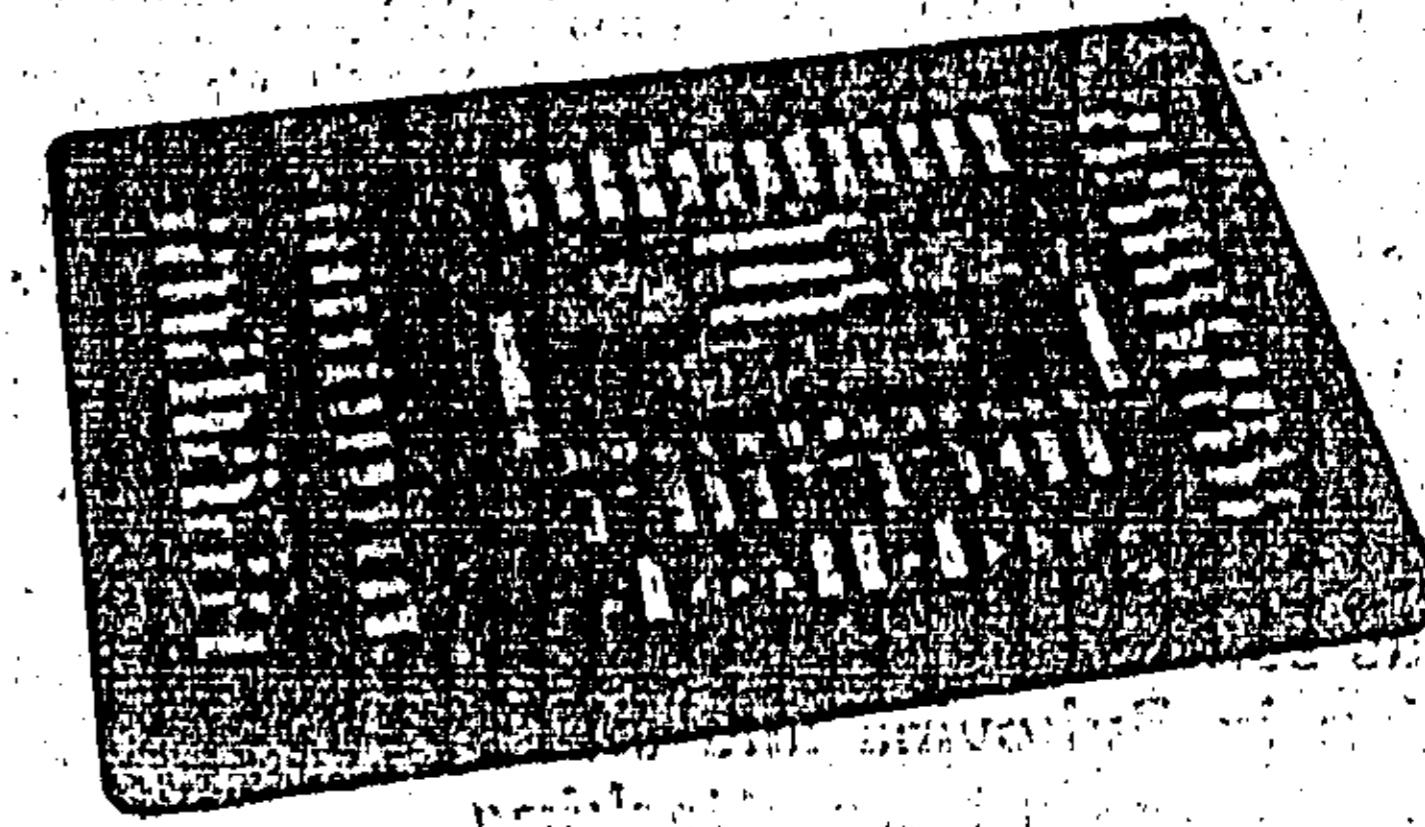
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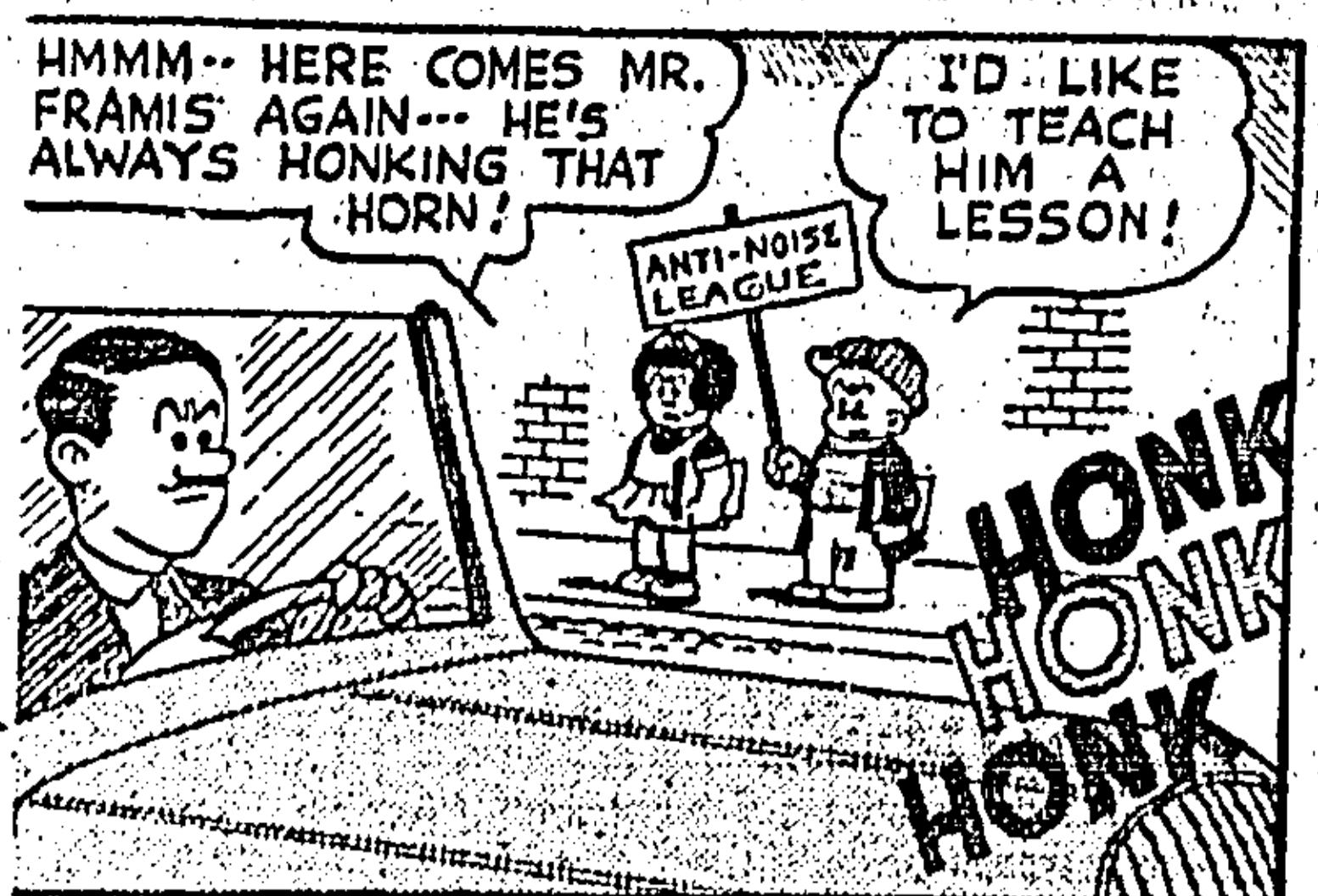
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Canton Insurance Office Hold Annual Meeting

The Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson, presiding this morning at the 60th ordinary meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd, reported a most satisfactory Statement of Accounts for the year 1939.

A second donation of \$25,000 to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund was also approved.

The Consulting Committee comprised the Hon. Mr J. J. Paterson (Chairman), the Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Mr D. E. Clark, Mr A. H. Compton, Mr P. H. Suckling and Mr S. T. Williamson.

Shareholders present were Messrs D. E. Stevenson, M. W. Lo, P. Tester, Horace Lo, Ho Kom-long, D. Hung, S. Hampden-Ross, J. Fleming and Ho Sui-cheung.

recommend a final payment of \$7 per share-making in all \$12 per share, which will absorb \$600,000 and the transfer of the balance of \$705,865 to Underwriting Suspense Account to close 1939 and previous years. This payment necessitates \$10,000 being taken from Working, whereas in 1937 we were able to finance a similar amount entirely out of income from interest and with \$162,000 to spare.

Interim Dividend

The balance of \$2,629,370 at credit of the 1940 Account allows of the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$5 per share for that year, leaving an amount of \$2,370,370 to be carried forward.

You will pardon me if I say no more, but to be quite frank I can think of nothing useful to add. I reiterate my hope of last year that when next we meet it will be in happier circumstances.

Second Bomber Donation

I feel assured of your approval of the donation of \$25,000 to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund which was made last June and will be seen-has been debited to the 1940 Account. With your agreement, we propose to donate a similar sum from the current year's funds to help the Bomber Fund's second year.

I have an explanation to make in connection with the resolution that will shortly come before you relative to the re-election of our Auditors, Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming.

Owing to the many additional calls we made upon them, it was decided in May last year to augment their fees by \$500 per firm to date back to January 1, 1940, but as it was then too late to obtain your confirmation, the agreed increases have not been paid. To regularise the position I shall be glad if Mr D. V. Stevenson, when proposing the re-election and increase will make the latter retrospective to the beginning of last year.

Substantial Increase

The balance at credit of Working Account 1940, as at December 31 last, stood at \$2,629,370, an increase of \$740,464 on that for 1939 at the same stage. Although this appears to be highly satisfactory much has yet to be paid out in respect of second year losses and taxation; it is impossible in these times to make forecasts and any attempt on my part would be purely guesswork. This account discloses a yet further shrinkage in interest of \$67,058 when compared with 1939, also at the end of 12 months.

Resolution

I now propose the following Resolution:

"That the Report and Accounts, as presented, including the payment of a Final Dividend in respect of the year 1939 of \$7 per share and an Interim Dividend in respect of the year 1940 of \$5 per share and the addition of \$765,855.73 to Underwriting Suspense Account be adopted and passed."

This was seconded by Mr D. V. Stevenson and carried unanimously.

Messrs D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Mr P. H. Suckling and S. T. Williamson were re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr D. V. Stevenson.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors at an increased remuneration of \$2,000 each, the increase of \$500 becoming effective from January 1, 1940. This was proposed by Mr Stevenson and seconded by Mr Horace Lo.

NO FACTS TOLD IN OPEN COURT

A fine of \$2,000 was imposed on Wallin Hwan Tseng-wei, of William Hunt & Company, by Mr H. G. Sheldon K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning, when he pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of 16 sheets of code.

Mr H. J. Armstrong represented defendant.

No facts were related in Court.

Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, July 4, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

Japan Has Backed Wrong Horse, Says Ex-Envoy

Japan made the same mistake as Italy when she joined the Axis—she thought Britain and the Empire were "down and out," Sir Robert Clive, former British ambassador to Japan, told Vancouver Board of Trade transportation bureau recently.

"Japan may now feel she has backed the wrong horse," the tall, grey-haired diplomat said. "It is significant she is now putting out 'feelers' with a view to stopping the war with China."

A large and enthusiastic audience of civic officials and prominent business men listened enthralled, and applauded frequently as Sir Robert presented his views of Japanese expansion and Anglo-Japanese relations in an address given under auspices of the Overseas League.

He declared Japan joined the Axis because, while Britain stood in the way of her economic expansion more than any other country, Germany did not.

"When Japanese trade began to develop after the Great War, she suddenly realized that Great Britain was in possession of places that were vital to her expansion needs.

"It was not a case of individual dislike because, as it happens, the British people as individuals have always got on well with the Japanese."

Developed Trade
At one time, Sir Robert said, the idea prevailed that Japan was a military and not a commercial race. Since then, by her vast development of the cotton industry, Japan had proved her capacity for developing trade on a big scale.

Japan was involved in the last war to such a small extent that immediately after hostilities ceased she was in a position to "forget about it."

"After the war the Japanese got away to a flying start by sending arms to Russia and from 1929 to 1930 developed an enormous trade in cotton goods, particularly in the Far East, during the slump in Lancashire."

Push Out White Man

Sir Robert showed how Japan had followed colonial policy of "pushing out the white man's trade."

"This is directly contrary to the British policy of encouraging free trade in all her colonies. Hongkong and Singapore are fitting examples of this policy."

"In 1934 the Japanese made a claim which gradually amounted to suzerainty over China. This was tested when Sir Frederick Leith Ross, a high treasury official, came out with the idea of somehow stabilizing the Chinese dollar.

"Japanese businessmen were quite in favour of that, but the military opposed it. The views of businessmen were practically identical, because they always look at a problem from a practical economic point of view."

"The Japanese, by encouraging Korean gangsters to smuggle goods into North China under protection of the military, did their best to break down the Chinese customs service."

Britons Handicapped

"Goods were poured into Tibet, which paid no customs duties at all, with the result that the English traders who paid their duties were completely handicapped."

When France collapsed in 1940, Sir Robert continued, Japan saw a marvellous opportunity for expansion in Indo-China by signing a pact with the Axis. After that she hoped to gain economic control in the Dutch East Indies.

"This was all part of the so-called 'New Order,'" Sir Robert said.

"In Japan during 1938 and 1937 they were always seizing on incidents to make trouble between different parts of the Empire. They also sent a goodwill mission to Australia, and later tried to force Australia to lower wool prices by boycotting sales and threatening to buy her wool from South Africa."

"Again in an effort to rattle a communal treaty with India favourable to themselves, the Japanese began boycotting India goods."

"This was partly a political move aimed at causing friction in different parts of the Empire."

"The unanimity of Empire countries in the present war effort shows that her policy in this respect has failed," Sir Robert declared.

100 Miles To Pay 2s 6d

An Army officer who gave his name as Lt. Harrington travelled more than 100 miles from the South of England to Kettering recently to repay a loan of 2s. 6d. on behalf of a dead soldier.

The soldier, a member of a bomb disposal squad, lost his life as a result of his duty. His dying wish was that the money be given to a member of the Kettering branch of the Toc H, from whom he borrowed it a year ago to get to Northampton.

Shortage Of Meat In Sweden

But Fish Is Still Plentiful

NEW YORK—Meat, including pork has been placed on Sweden's rations list along with butter, fats, coal, hides, copper and copper alloys, according to information recently published by the American Swedish News Exchange here.

The weekly allowance has been set, a half a kilogram, or a little more than a pound, of meat for each person weekly. Fish, it was pointed out is still plentiful.

A further measure by the Government to control rising prices was also forecast by Government circles recently. Retail prices, according to official figures, have reached a point 30 per cent. higher than in August, 1939.

Loan To Finland

At the same time Sweden has agreed to send 20,000 tons of bread grains as a loan to Finland. Wheat, flour, butter, eggs, pork, seed oats, and other products will be sent to Finland under the terms of a new trade agreement between the two countries.

A gift of 400 tons of sugar will also be distributed in Finland and Norway.

Meanwhile a new industry has grown up in Sweden around the manufacture of charcoal for gasoline in motor vehicles.

Wood For Engines

At present it is estimated that 50,000 motor vehicles have been converted to the use of wood-burning engines. At a recent industrial exhibition it was pointed out that production of 10,000 of these burners would require 50,000 days of work. At least 10,000 drivers are kept busy as well as repair mechanics. In one year, Swedish industrialists figure 10,000 vehicles consume about 3,000,000 bushels of charcoal or finely cut wood which require 1,000,000 days of work for chopping and charring.

Distribution requires at least 13,000,000 special paper bags, and this keeps several pulp and paper mills busy.

Britain's Powerful New Bomb

British accounts of the bombing of the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have disclosed the use of a new "armour piercing weapon, first successful penetration bomb of the war."

Military experts believe, however, that the British have devised a heavier-boded bomb which is capable of penetrating at least five inches of armour plate. It is understood to use a new steel alloy, and the British themselves have reported it as being a new and more intensive explosive.

The bomb is designed to reach its maximum velocity after a drop of 2,000 feet which permits dive bombing from comparatively accurate heights. Added details are still awaited, however, in view of the British reports of success with the new bomb against the German battleships at Brest, which are protected with a deck armour of six inches.

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Eric Gill's Widow Gets A Pension

Mrs M. E. Gill, widow of Eric Gill, the sculptor, has been granted a £120 Civil List pension.

"I have no income of any sort since my husband died," she said. "This is a godsend."

"My husband was not a rich man. He lived and worked solely for his art."

Another woman to receive a £120 pension is Mrs Edith Helen Davies, widow of W. H. Davies, the "Tramp Poet."

"Although my husband's books continue to sell as well as can be expected in war-time," she said, "they do not bring in quite as much as they might."

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Lord Kimberley Killed In Raid

On London Visit.

The Earl of Kimberley, who as Lord Wodehouse was an All-England polo player of exceptional brilliance, was killed during a recent raid on London. He was 57.

He was chairman of the Bath Club, which was badly damaged by fire a few weeks ago, and had travelled to London from Norfolk to attend a meeting of the directors to discuss the future of the club.

Since he succeeded to the title in 1932 Lord Kimberley had not been much in the public eye. He was formerly a member of Mr. Buckley's famous polo team of "Old Contemptibles" and played for England against the United States. From 1904-1910 he was Liberal M.P. for the old Mid-Norfolk Division.

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Hongkong Attitude To Japanese

"Neither the British nor the Chinese in Hongkong are anti-Japanese in pre-war days," according to the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong interviewed by the "Asahi Shimbun" on his arrival in Tokyo.

He attributed this remarkable change of attitude to the strict control of the British authorities.

He said that the National Defence Act of Britain has been thoroughly driven home to the people of Hongkong, adding "It is admirable how Britain can drive home regulations to the corners of its colonies."

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



Queen Wilhelmina Favours Assistance To Soviets

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, broadcasting, said: "We are full of compassion for the Russian people who have to undergo such a terrible ordeal."

Soviet Envoy In Berlin Not Received

SPECIAL-TO-THE-TELEGRAPH

TOKYO, June 24 (Domei).—The Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Vladimir Dekanozov, actually did not meet the Nazi Foreign Minister, Ribbentrop, for two hours prior to the outbreak of the German-Soviet hostilities, as reported, and therefore he did not receive the "final ultimatum."

This startling revelation was made during an international radiophone conversation between the Tokyo "Nichinichi" and its Berlin Bureau on Monday night.

She said, "They, like the United States, will never tolerate a wedge being driven between our mutual co-operation for freedom and justice by Hitler's treacherous policy or that a slackening should occur in the worldwide co-ordinated effort to bring about victory of our arms."

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More fertilisers have been spread on land in the last 12 months than ever before in British history.

The remaining grassland has been improved and is now doing a considerably bigger job acre for acre than formerly. Thousands of acres have been reclaimed, thousands of miles of ditches have been cleared out and columns of tractors, nearly 100,000 strong, are preparing for the harvest offensive.

Corn has taken on fresh life. Hay promises not to be so bad after all. Even at the peak of the last war, the country did not look more rich with food crops than it does to-day.

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tanks. The total number of tanks destroyed on the entire front has not yet been determined.

Soviets Confident

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).— "We know that the enemy who has attacked us is strong. We do not expect an easy victory. We know that victory over Fascism will be difficult and will demand many sacrifices, but we also know that we shall win," says "Pravda."

The paper recalls that the German attempt to seize the Ukraine in 1919 was defeated with tremendous losses despite the fact that the Russians then were "exhausted by an Imperialist war, poorly armed and supplied," and adds: "Since then, our forces have grown immensely. We possess a powerful, splendidly-armed and supplied Red Army and many capable of dealing a crushing blow to any enemy."

Russian Raids

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).— Fresh battles and bitter hand-to-hand fighting all along the vast Soviet frontier are reported in the latest dispatches available here on the Russo-German hostilities, but there is no mention of specific points.

While all German reports speak of terrible resistance by Russian troops, Moscow newspapers this morning published a report that Soviet planes bombed targets in Germany yesterday after flying 440 miles from their bases in Russia.

The Germans, however, make several big claims, including crushing a Russian frontier division "in spite of stubborn resistance."

The German radio reveals that Nazi troops are using flame throwers against Russian pill-boxes which are built to a depth of three miles.

On To Latvia

LONDON, June 25 (Reuter).— Reports from Helsinki state that German troops have occupied the last Lithuanian town on the road to Riga and are now only a few miles from the Latvian frontier.

German planes claim to have bombed Tallin, capital of Estonia, where Russia has a naval base.

Soviets Resisting

BERLIN, June 24 (UP).—The Propaganda Company reports to-day indicated that the Soviet troops are generally resisting vigorously in individual engagements and larger battles involving motorized units. However, it is reported that the Germans claim the great success against the Soviet tanks. In one battle alone, six tanks were destroyed in less than half an hour.

The same report admitted that the Soviet soldiers "defended themselves not unskillfully." Another report, describing an apparently large engagement, indicated the Soviet resistance by the statement that the Reds advanced on one of the German flanks, but it was added that the Soviet troops were quickly thrown back and the Germans continued their steady advance.

Munsey was additionally charged with larceny of three blankets, two sheets, a mosquito curtain and an electric light bulb, and alternatively charged together with the woman with receiving stolen property.

Det.-Sgt C. Dowman conducted the prosecution, Mr M. A. da Silva appeared for first Defendant, Mr Hinshelwood for second, while Mr C. D'Almeida represented Munsey and the woman.

First, second and third Defendants were all convicted by His Worship on the first count, and were each fined \$250 or three months' hard labour. All the other Defendants were discharged. His Worship said that the evidence against them was entirely based upon that given by the first three Defendants and the Prosecution had no evidence against them.

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French Warships Attacked

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of the Mediterranean Fleet are giving continuous and active assistance to the advance of our armies along the coast of Syria by carrying out bombardments of military objectives at strong points of resistance.

"In the early hours of yesterday morning, two Vichy destroyers attempted to interfere with our operations. They were at once heavily engaged by our ships and both were seen to be hit several times before they retired under cover of a smoke-screen to the shelter of their shore batteries.

"At least one other destroyer of the Chevalier Paul class, which had been operating against us in Syrian waters, had already been hit and almost certainly sunk by torpedoes from naval aircraft.

"Naval aircraft also carried out successful attacks on the ports of Beirut and Tripoli (Syria) and on warships and shipping in these ports. Throughout the Eastern and Central Mediterranean, our submarines continued to inflict losses on the enemy. A supply ship in convoy has been sunk, and a successful attack has been made on a large Italian liner of about 20,000 tons. This ship was hit by two torpedoes.

"A message has been sent to the C-in-C of the Mediterranean asking him to convey the congratulations of the Board of the Admiralty to our submarines on their increasingly successful operations."

\$50,000 GIFT TO BOMBER FUND

A munificent donation of \$50,000 to the Bomber Fund was received this morning from Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

This is the second gift of \$50,000 made to the fund by this company. When the Bomber Fund was inaugurated a year ago, Messrs Jardine, Matheson were among the first contributors to the fund.

UNFIT FOR WORK Fined £10

Two process workers who through drink were unable to work, were fined £10 each at Manchester. The men, Joseph Willis of Stanley Street, Gorton, and John Gough of Hassop Street, Beswick, were accused of having done "acts calculated to interfere with the performance of their work by persons engaged in work of national service."

Slovaks Raise Laugh On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).— According to a British news agency, the Slovakian army has joined the Germans "in the defence of European culture."

WISHFUL THINKING BY NAZIS

Reverse Recent Air Losses

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).— "The German Army's operations have proceeded very satisfactory according to plan."

This is the only reference to the Russian campaign contained in a German High Command communiqué.

It proceeds to say that British aircraft attempted a daylight sweep over occupied territory in which the enemy lost 22 aircraft compared with Germany's three.

(It is remarked in London that the German habit of reversing the figures of aerial losses reflects the anxiety of the Wilhelmstrasse to divert German attention from the unpleasant fact that Germany now faces a campaign on two fronts.)

Big Guns

The communiqué records that a German long-range battery shelled British shipping in the English Channel.

During Monday night, German aircraft bombed harbour installations in the Thames Estuary and also southeast England, causing large fires.

British bombers on Monday night dropped a small number of high explosive incendiary bombs in northwestern Germany, hitting residential buildings and killing and wounding several civilians. The enemy lost three aircraft in these operations in which a German night fighter claims to have registered its 200th night victory.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,316

Bank of East Asia \$72

Canton Ins. X.L. \$212.50

H.K. Fire Ins. \$160

Indo-China (Pret) \$80

Wharves \$80

Docks \$16.10

Providents \$5.45

Hotels \$3

Lands \$32

Realities \$2.00

Trams \$10.35

Star Ferries \$1.75

Yau Ma Tei Ferries \$21.35

Lights "O" \$5.95

Electrics Rta \$10.65

Telephones "O" \$22.40

Telephones "N" \$8.00

Cements \$14

Ropes \$7.00

Watsons \$10.15

Entertainments \$0.30

Sellers

Watsons \$10.45

Sales

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934) 0.41%

Providents \$540/5.50

Trams \$10.50

Lights "O" \$8.05

Lights Rta 27 1/2/25 cts

Electrics Rta \$11

Macao Electrics \$10.05

Ropes \$0

Wild Boar Takes A Night Out

A large and ferocious Indian wild boar was hunted in the heart of London recently.

It had escaped from its enclosure in the Zoo during the night.

When keepers arrived in the morning they discovered the pig asleep in the middle of a big lawn. It awoke immediately, and a pig-stalking party of keepers and A.F.S. men was organised.

Many exciting moments followed.

One was when the boar began to charge a lorry, but thought better of it, and swerved at the last moment.

After an hour's run the boar was driven into a narrow lane between wire fences. Two biscuits were thrown into the entrance of his cage, and in he walked.

"The pig has been particularly bad-tempered since his wife died four months before," said his keeper.

LATE NEWS**Heavy Attacks By The R.A.F.**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOUTHEAST COAST TOWN, June 25 (UP).—The R.A.F. delivered what watchers on the southeast coast described as one of their biggest attacks on Boulogne and Calais early this morning.

Clusters of searchlights swept the sky and reached halfway across the English Channel as waves of bombers roared on to the attack.

The Germans put up a very heavy anti-aircraft barrage, but the raid continued without a break.

Stanley Prison Officer Dead

Prison Officer Dedear, Stanley prison, died at Stanley during the night.

P. O. Dedear returned to the Colony only two months ago from Sydney where he had spent nine months' sick leave with his wife, two daughters and a son.

P. O. Dedear, who was 47 years of age, joined the Prison staff in 1921 after having served with Royal Artillery in the Great War. He used to do a good deal of boxing, as a welterweight, in the old City Hall and was a Corporal in the Stanley Plateau, H.K.V.D.C.

The funeral will take place this evening, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

No Raids On Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, June 24 (UP).—A joint communiqué issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was no enemy air activity over Britain up to 8 p.m., adding, "One enemy bomber was destroyed in a small attack on this country last night."

Too Much Smoke From A Launch

For permitting their launch to issue

smoke in such a quantity as to be a nuisance while lying alongside the Vessel Ferry Wharf on June 19, two employees of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company were fined £10 each by Cdr J. Jolly at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendants, Lo Kam-sui, and Chung Yee, coxswain and engineer respectively of the launch Man Ping, were summoned by Sgt H. B. Dower who acted in co-operation with the Ferry Company.

Sgt Dower said that the smoke, which was very black and thick, drifted over on to the Fire Brigade Building. It had been going on for some time.

Baku Oil Fields On War Footing

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter).—A vast army of workers in the Baku oil fields have been placed on war footing since the beginning of hostilities, states the Moscow radio.

Aerial Losses: Moscow Figures

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, June 24 (UP).—The N.B.C. reports that it picked up a Moscow communiqué stating that 374 Russian planes had been destroyed, mostly on the ground at aerodromes.

The communiqué added: "In aerial engagements 161 enemy planes have been shot down and at least 220 enemy planes have been destroyed on the ground at aerodromes."

Mr Roosevelt's "Join Up!"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, June 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day urged United States citizens to enlist in the British technical armed forces, so long as they do not swear allegiance to the King.

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